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By *D. W.* Eſq; William Denton, M.D.

Liber Homo es nimium, dicis mihi, Cherile, ſemper:
In te qui dicit, Cherile, Liber Homo eſt.

LONDON,
Printed by *R. D.* for *Tho. Baſſet* under S. *Dunſtans* Church in *Fleetſtreet*, and *Ja. Magnes* in *Covent-Garden*.
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THE PREFACE TO THE READER.

THe profane Poet was much in the right when he ſaid,

—— Nulli tacuiſſe nocet: nocet eſſe locutum.

And ſo was the ſweet Singer of Iſrael, *when he ſaid,* Silui à bonis, ſed dolor meus incrudeſcebat. Incaleſcente vero animo meo in me, loquutus ſum lingua mea, *Pſal.* 39. *v.* 3, 4. *A ſad fate attends both him that writes, and him that writes not. He that Prints expoſeth himſelf to be wounded by others: and he that forbears to Speak or Print in the Cauſe of God, provokes God to diſown him (according to* Mark 8. 38. Whoſoever ſhall be aſhamed of me and of my words before men, of him ſhall the Son of man be aſhamed when he cometh in the Glory of his Father with the holy Angels) *and wounds himſelf.* Ex malis minimum, *I have cho-*

ſen rather to expoſe ſome follies to Romiſh Cenſure and Inquiſition (a bold adventure I confeſs) than to be found guilty of being Felo de ſe, *by wounding my ſelf by my ſilence in this Cauſe, and juſt defence of the Innocency of our Prince's & their Government, and of the Proteſtant Religion, never yet particularly handled in any particular Tract that ever yet I could ſee or hear of, which I hope may excuſe me* A tanto *if not* A toto.

The method obſerved is ſhort, 1. Briefly to ſhew the tenents and Principles of the Church of Rome *as to the* Popes *claim and power in Temporalties over Kings of both Religions. 2. To ſhew their Practiſe to have been anſwerable to their Doctrine, with which take along with you their Doctrine of Infallibility, and then the matter of Fact, ſhewing what* Papiſts *have been executed, on what Statutes, and for what Crimes, and by what Gradations and Provocations our Laws became ſanguinary and I have done. Now Pamphlet take thy fortune.*

I, fuge; ſed poteras tutior eſſe Domi.

Death

Death inflicted in England *on* Roman Catholicks, *not for Religion, but for Treason.*

I Muſt firſt lay, as a Foundation and great Verity, that it is the avowed Doctrine of Roman Catholicks, *That the Pope hath power to declare Hereſie, and who are Heretickſ, to excommunicate Emperors, Kings, and all Magiſtrates, to obſolve all their Subjects from their obedience, to depoſe and dethrone them, & confer their Kingdoms on others.* And moreover, that ſo ſoon as any one is excommunicate *ipſo facto, his Subjects are abſolved from his Government, and from the Oath of Allegianee*, whereby they were bound unto him: This is ſo palpable, that it needs no Probate, they that run may read it in their Books. *Cæſar Baronius Anno* 1089. *n.* 11. alledgeth and commendeth out of *Ivo* a *Breve* of Pope *Urbane* the ſecond, wherein it is pronounced, that they are no Homicides that kill ſuch as are excommunicate. *Gregory* the 7th *vulgo* called Pope *Hildebrand*, ſets down amongſt the Popes Priviledges: *That the Pope may uſe the Arms of the Empire: That Princes muſt Kiſs his feet: That it is lawfull for him to depoſe Emperors*

Romiſh Doctors affirm th Pope to hav power over all Kings *in temporalibus.*

rors; That he is no Catholick perſon, nor ſo to be accounted, that agrees not with the Church of Rome: That he may abſolve ſubjects from their fidelity, ibid. 1076. *n.* 32. *Greg.* 7. *Ep. l.* 2. *Ep.* 55. To this Doctrine give teſtimony *Bannes*, *Franciſcus de Victoria*, *Symancha*, *Pacenſis*, Dr. *Nicholas Sanders*, *Gregory* of *Valence*, *Mariana* the Jeſuite proceeds to *quacunq; Arte*, and that not only lawfully, but with glory and commendations. *Suarez* a *Portugnez* and Profeſſor in the Univerſity of *Coimbra* maintains, that the *Pope* hath ſuperiority over Kings as Subjects to depoſe them, not only for ſpiritual crimes, as *Hereſie* and *Schiſm* but for *Temporal faults*, becauſe that a Tyrannical Goverment tendeth alwaies to the deſtruction of ſouls. And he Avers, that when a *King* is ſentenced by the *Pope* to Deprivation or Death; the *Executioner* who is firſt in place is he to whom the *Pope* ſhall commit the Authority. And if there be no direction, or aſſignation in the ſentence Special nor General, then *de jure* it appertains to the next Succeſſor (which moſtly is a Son, Daughter, Brother, or one very near of kin, *A moſt pious opinion* !) ſo as the *Succeſſor* be apparent, and alſo that he be *A Catholick*: But if he be doutbful, or *no Catholick*, then it devolves to the *Commonalty* of the Kingdom. He alſo makes a *Tyrant in title*, and a *Tyrant in Regiment*, this cannot be reſiſted or killed without the *Popes ſentence*: the other may be killed *by any private man* whatſoever. So that you ſee all *Kings* are

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tenants at will for their *Kingdoms* and for *their lives*; and that there may be never any fayler of *Executioners*, he hath chalked out a *ſeries* or *Succeſſion* of *Aſſaſſines*, or *Hangmen* never to fail. *Bellarmine* hath taken upon him to be a principal Patron of this Doctrine in ſeveral treatiſes, eſpecially *de Rom. Pont. 5. ibid. c.* 8. where ſuch facts are juſtified as done *de jure*, and pleaded as evidences to prove that the *Pope hath ſupreme power temporal on earth*, though not directly yet *in ordine ad Deum*, for all *ſpiritualia* : the writings of *Allen*, *Parſons*, *Sanders* and *Creſwel*, their *Doleman Philopater*, and *Roſſæus* (*a book canonized by the Pope in conſiſtory*) are ſo ſcandalous this way, that as a true Proteſtant I abhor to report the things they write.

Romiſh practiſes anſwerable to their Doctrine.

Anſwerable to this Doctrine hath the *practice of the Popes* been for divers ages together, and in divers Countries, *Leo Iſaurus* the *Emperor* of *Conſtantinople* was *excommunicated* by *Gregory the ſecond*, his Country given away to the *Lombards*, whereby he and his Succeſſors loſt all the weſtern Empire, which the *Pope* and the *French King* afterwards ſhared between them. *Ludovicus Pius* that was *King of France*, and *Emperor* 800 years after Chriſt, was thruſt out of his Kingdome by the *Pope*, and the French Clergy aſſembled in the deteſtable Council at *Compendium* armed his Sons (*Pippin*, *Lewis*, and *Lotharius*) againſt their Father, ſo that they put him in hold, the *Biſhop of Rome* conſenting and helping

them. Then in the ſaid *Council* the ſame *Biſhops* and *Prelates condemned and depoſed him* and made him betake himſelf to a *Monks Cowle*. *Childerick* that was *King of France* a little before him was depoſed, and thruſt into a Monaſtery by the *Pope's advice*, who for that purpoſe diſcharged the French of their *Allegiance* to him: *Otho* the great, the Emperor *An.* 963 was in danger to be caſt out of *Italy* by *Pope John* the 12th. *Pope Bennet* endeavoured to put by *H. the* 1. from being Emperor, for which end he ſent a Crown to *Peter King of Hungary* with this Inſcription, The *Rock* hath given *Rome* to *Peter*, and the *Pope* hath given this Crown to thee. *H. the* 4. *the Emperor* was horribly vexed with three *Popes*, *Hildebrand*, *Urbane*, and *Paſchalis*; *Hildebrand excommunicated him*, and abſolved his Subjects from their obedience, and firſt ſet up againſt him *Rodulph* the *Duke* of *Sweden* and *Burgundy*, and ſent him a Crown with this inſcription: The *Rock* gave the *Crown* to *Peter*, and *Peter* gives it to *Rodulph*: but he miſcarried, and dyed miſerably in his Treaſon, then *Urban* ſet up *Conradus* his Son, and after his death another

III. Son. The Extremities and Indignities whereunto the *Pope* brought this noble Emperor have filled the Books of Writers. Among many others, this was one, that *Pope Hildebrand* would not releaſe him from his *Excommunication* till, in the midſt of Winter, he came barefooted to *Canuſium*, where the *Pope* lay, and ſo waited three dayes before the Gates of his

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Palace for his Abſolution, which he hardly obtained by the interceſſion of *Dutcheſs Matilda*, and not long enjoyed, being ſtill undermined by the *Popes Treaſons* to his dying day. *H.* the 5. his Son was *Excommunicated* by *Pope Paſchalis*. Creeping comes *Frederick Barbaroſſa* unto *Alexander the* 3. and kiſſeth his feet, to obtain abſolution from *Excommunication*, Would you think it? he ſets his foot on the *neck* of the *Emperor proſtrate* before him, and, as well became the Vicar of Hell, applies to himſelf in that fact, *Thou ſhalt walk on the Aſp and Baſilisk, the Lion and the Dragon ſhalt thou tread under thy feet.* 91. *p.* 5. *l.* 13. the *Prince* anſwered, I do it not to thee, but to Peter, the Pope replyed *mihi & Petro. Naucler. Chron.* This one deportment of the Pope proclaimed him in pride the great Divel incarnate, *and I wonder if ever this blaſphemy were forgiven.* *H.* the ſixth which was Son to this *Frederick* and his wife the Empreſs, were crowned by the Pope holding the Crown between his feet, and ſo ſetting it on their heads, and then ſtriking it off again with his foot, to ſhow that he had pow'r to depoſe him. *H.* the ſeventh commonly called *Lucenborow* (after the Pope, and his *Cardinals* oppoſing his *Coronation*) was at laſt poyſoned by a *Monk* in the *Sacrament*: When *Albert* the firſt ſent to Pope *Boniface* to confirm his election, he refuſed to do it, and ſaid that he himſelf was both *Emperor* and Pope, in ſign whereof (the time of *Jubilee* then being) he ſhewed himſelf the firſt day in

his *Pontifical Robes*, and the next day in the *habit of an Emperor*, with a *naked ſword* born before him, ſaying with a lowd voice, Behold here are two ſwords, This is he of whom they write that he ſtudied to ſubdue *Emperors*, *Kings*, *Princes* and *Nations*, and endevoured according to the luſt of his own mind to give and take away Kingdoms. To omit *Philip* the brother of *H.* the 6. *Otho* the 4. *Frederick* the 7. *Ludovicus Bavarus*, *Charles* the 4. *Winceſlaus*, *Sigiſmund*, *Joane the Queen of Naples*, *Manfred* and *Conradinus* Kings of *Naples* and *Sicilie*, *Philip Auguſtus* the French King, *Julian* and *Lawrence* the Dukes of *Florence*, and divers other Kings and Emperors, uſed by ſeveral Popes as ill as the reſt were. *H.* the third late King of *France* after infinite treaſons and conſpiracies of the *Sorboniſts* againſt him, was at laſt murdered by a Frier, which murder *Sixtus Quintus* by a ſolemn Oration in the Conſiſtory 2. *Sept.* 1589. commended to the skies *as rarum, in ſigne & memorabile facinus.* *H.* 4. his Succeſſor was wounded by a *Diſciple of the Jeſuits*, ſuborned thereunto by the Jeſuits, in memory whereof a Pillar was erected in *Paris* againſt the *Jeſuits*, & they baniſhed the Realm; There is a book written by *Fr. de Verona* a Papiſt, in defence of him, that did this as a *moſt noble deed joined with vertue, and heroical*, comparable with the greateſt deed that ever was done.

IV.

The Pope and *Venetians* quarrel about his power.

In the *Quarrels* of *Pope Paul the 5th* with the State of *Venice*, the *Pope* appears in his right colours, affirming

affirming quite contrary to the Doctrine of the *Venetians*, that the temporal power of Princes is ſubordinate to the power Eccleſiaſtical, and ſubject to it, That he hath a power to deprive Princes of their eſtates for their faults in their government, yea (though they have not committed any fault) when the *Pope* ſhall judge it fit for the good of the Church, and that he may *free ſubjects* from the *oath of Allegiance* which they owe unto their Princes, in which caſe they are obliged to *caſt off all ſubjection* and even to *purſue* their *Prince* if the *Pope* command it. There was ſome difference of the manner among the *Papalins*, but the greater part ſpake plainly, that the *Pope hath all authority in Heaven and Earth, both ſpiritual and temporal over all Princes of the world, no otherwiſe than over his Subjects and Vaſſals*, that he might correct them for any fault whatſoever, that he is a *temporal Monarch over all the Earth*, that men might *appeal to him from any temporal Soveraign Prince*, that he *might give laws to all Princes*, Annul thoſe that were made by them, that the *Eccleſiaſticks are not ſubject* to the *Prince*, *no not in caſe of Treaſon*, and that they are not bound to obey their Laws, unleſs it were *vi directiva*. And that they owe not unto the Prince either *Contribution*, *Cuſtoms*, or *Obedience*; that the *Pope cannot err or fail*, and therefore it is neceſſarie to obey his commands, *be they juſt, or unjuſt*; that though all the world differ from the Pope, yet it is meet to yeild to him, and he is not excuſed from ſin, who follows not his advice,

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advice, *though all the world judge it to be false.* Their Books were also full of such other Maximes, that the Pope is *a God upon Earth*, that the *sentence of God and the Pope is one and the same thing*, as also the *Tribunals*, and the *Court* of *God* and the *Pope*, that to doubt of the power of the *Pope*, is as
VI. much as to doubt of the power of *God*. If these be not *monstrous blasphemies* against *God*, and *Rebellious* and *Treasonable* tenents against *Princes*, I do not know what are. In pursuance of these Opinions the *Pope* did proceed to declare and pronounce *for excommunicated* (as if they had been particularly named) the *Duke* and the *Senate* which *then were*, and which should be *hereafter*, together with all their Favourers, Councellors and Adherents, if within 24 daies to be accounted from the day of their publication (which he appointed in three terms each of 8 daies) the *Duke* and the *Senate* did not revoke and disannull some Decrees which they had passed, and all that which had followed thereupon, without any exception or excuse; with divers other severities, as *not to be absolved but by the Pope*, *denying them Christian Burial*, *Masses* and *Divine Services to be celebrated*, depriving them of all their goods, priviledges, Indults, &c. reserving to himself and his Successors, power to aggravate, and re-aggravate the Censures and penalties against them.

VII. Pope *Innocent* the third charged *John* King of *England* and the *French King* to keep the Churches peace under pain of his *Curses*, and in the Process

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excommunicated the *French King* for taking Arms againſt King *John*. Afterwards the ſame *Innocent excommunicates* King *John*, and arms the *French King* with the ſpiritual Sword to make war, authorizing King *John*'s own natural Subjects to rebel againſt him, until the poor King was brought ſo low, that he was content to become the *Pope*'s *Farmer* of his own Kingdom; but being once admitted *his Tenant*, and become *Farmer* to the *Church* of *Rome*, his priviledge was greater, and his Perſon more ſacred than it had been by being *God*'s *Vicegerent*; for that the Councel of *Lateran excommunicated* all ſuch as did or ſhould moleſt or vex him, ſo long as he remained the *Churches Rent-gatherer*. In the year 1534. when VIII. *H.* 8. denied the *Pope* obedience, commanding all his Subjects not to carry any money to *Rome*, nor to pay *the Ordinary Peter-pence*, declaring that the *Pope* ſhould be *Biſhop* of *Rome*, but himſelf *ſole Lord of his Kingdom*; and putting forth an Edict, wherein he declared himſelf (having been by the Clergy of the Convocation in this 22. year recognized) *Supream head of the Church of England*, and puniſhed capitally who ever ſaid that the *Pope* of *Rome* had any *Authority* here, chaſing out the Collectors of *Peter-pence*, and procuring the Parliament to approve all theſe things, for which *Clement* the 7. theatned to *excommunicate* him, which *Ann. Dom.* 17. *December* 1538. *Paul* the third (who, though for four years thought it wiſdom *to hold a weapon within the ſcabberd which had no other edge but what was given by theopinion of thoſe againſt whom it was uſed*) did

brandiſh the thunder-bolt of *excommunication* made three years before, ſuch as never was uſed by his Predeceſſors, nor imitated by his Succeſſors, wherein the puniſhments to the King were *deprivation of his Kingdom*, and to his *Adherents* of whatſoever they poſſeſſed, commanding his Subjects to deny him obedience, and ſtrangers to have any commerce in that Kingdom: and all to take Arms againſt, and to perſecute both himſelf and his followers, granting them their Eſtates and Goods for their prey, and their perſons for their Slaves. And did not the Earl of *Deſmond* in the daies of the ſame *Henry* profer the *Kingdom* of *Ireland* unto the *French King*, (the Inſtrument whereof yet remains upon Record in the *Court* at *Paris*) And the *Biſhop* of *Rome* afterwards transferred the title of all our Kingdoms unto *Charls* the 5*th*, which by new Grants was confirmed unto his Son *Philip* in the time of Q. *Eliz.* with a reſolution to ſettle this Crown upon the *Spaniſh Infanta*, which Donations (however in themſelves invalid) may yet ſuggeſt ſpecious Arguments and Encouragements to Potent and Aſpiring Pretenders(eſpecially if Popiſhly affected, and how ſoon that may be, I am not Wizard ſufficient to divine) who will be able to ſupply all the defects of them, if their ſwords ſhould happen to prove to be the ſharpeſt and the longeſt; And they cannot fail of good ſtore of Adjutants whilſt *Jeſuits* and *Roman Vaſſals* are ſo numerous, and have ſuch intereſt amongſt us.

And did not *Alexander* the 3. *An. Dom.* 1571. canonize for a Saint *Thomas A Becket* condemned for

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a *Traitor*, as being ſlain for the defence of the *Eccleſiaſtical* power &liberty? *Whoſe ſolemn feaſt the Church of* Rome *doth Annually obſerve.* From whoſe death, IX.
though H. 2. purged himſelf by Oath, yet could not be abſolved till he had done *ſtrange penance*: 1. That he ſhould pray devoutly at the *Tomb* of this *new Martyr.* 2. That he ſhould be *whipt* in the *Chapter-houſe* receiving of every *Monk* one laſh. 3. That he ſhould maintain 200 Soldiers for a year at *Hieruſalem.* And 4. *revoke* the *Declaration* publiſhed at *Clarindon.*

When *Tyr-oen* rebelled in *Ireland An.* 1602. the School Doctors of *Salamanca* ſent the *Papiſts* there this determination. *That the* Pope *might by Arms reſtrain ſuch as oppoſed the* Catholick Religion, *that* Tyr-oens *war againſt the* Queen *was juſt, and by authority from the* Pope, *and that all* Catholicks *were bound to further him in the ſame; and ſo doing, their merit and hope of eternal reward ſhould be no leſs than if they had warred againſt the Turk. But all* Catholicks *had ſinned* mortally *that had ſerved the Engliſh againſt* Tyrone, *neither ſhould they obtain ſalvation, or be abſolved by any Prieſt from their ſins, unleſs they repented and forſook the Camp of the Engliſh. The ſame thing was alſo to be deemed of ſuch as in that war had helped the Engliſh with Arms, Ammunition, or payed them the accuſtomed Subſidies. But ſuch as were in* Tyr- X.
oen's *Camp in no caſe were Traytors, nor had denyed any due obedience, or unjuſtly occupied the* Queens *Lands, but rather had endeavoured to ſet at liberty themſelves and their Country, being oppreſſed with*

unjuſt and impious Tyranny, and to their power defended the Orthodox Faith, as Chriſtians, as Catholicks ought to do. Refert Quæſt. Bipart in M. G. Blackw. p. 156. This was the Reſolution of the *Pope's Univerſity* in old *Caſtilia*, for the confirmation of as vile and deteſtable a Rebellion as ever was. The like was done in *Deſmond's Rebellion*, Dr. *Sanders* being ſent into *Ireland*, to reſolve and encourage the Traytors, amongſt whom by the juſt judgement of God he died in extremity and miſery. In 1588. *D. Allen* was made a *Cardinal* for promoting that deſign, had the Pope's Declaration in Engliſh to be publiſhed upon the arrivall of the Fleet, wherein the Sentence of *Excommunication* againſt the *Queen* was confirmed, and ſhe deprived of her Kingdoms, Honour and Dignities, and all men commanded to receive the Prince of *Parma*. *Meteran Belgic. Hiſt. lib.* 15. *p.* 473. Queen *Eliz.* from the third year of her Reign, (for then *O Neal* began his Rebellion in *Ireland*, and *Pius Quintus* ſhortly after, *viz.* 1569. *excommunicated* her) was never free from their malice till her death, the Popes and their Clergy, by Treaſons, Invaſions, Conſpiracies, Rebellions, infamous Writings, and all the fury the Devil could ſuggeſt aſſailing her; for in the 42. year of her Reign 1600. *Clement* the 8. ſent two *Breves* very privately into *England*, one to the Popiſh Clergy, the other to the People, purporting that they ſhould *admit no man, how near ſoever in blood, for Kings after the Queen's death, unleſs he were ſuch a one as would not only tolerate the* Roman Religion, *but alſo promote the ſame with all his*

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might, and undertake by oath to perform the same. Of these Monsters were conceiv'd the Spanish Invasion of *Ireland.* The next year after, *Gowries* Conspiracy against King *James* was in *Scotland*, against whom also the same *Breve's* did most particularly aim, and shortly after that Monster of Plots the *Gunpowder Treason* was hatcht by the fomentation of the same. *Breves.*

In the 43. year of the *Queen's* Reign *Don Juan d'Aquila*, who was Major General of the *Catholick Kings* in God's War, for maintaining the Faith in *Ireland* published in writing, That *Q. Eliz. was by sentence of the Bishop of* Rome *deprived of her Crown, that her Subjects were absolved from their Oath of Allegiance, and that the Spaniards were come to deliver* Ireland *from the Jaws of the Devil* (for those were his words.) After the death of the *Queen*, King *James* (notwithstanding *Thomas Winter* (as he himself confessed) and *Tesmund* a Jesuite being sent into *Spain*, privily plotted to cut her off, and exclude him from his most just title of succession to the Crown of *England*) succeeded her, in her Thrones and in her Thorns, his Allegiance refused, the Pope's Omnipotency maintained, his Person disgraced, reviled, counted an Infidel, an Heretick, an Apostate, (*Rex autem Jacobus a crimine Infidelitatis seu Hæresis & Apostasiæ excusari non potest, ibid.* 1. *c.* 6. *n.* 10) and conspired against; the hellish Powder Treason plotted by these men, since whose Reign we have not been quite free from such attempts, witness their Rebellion and Massacres in *Ireland*, and that without any provocation begun 23. *Oct.* 1641. XI.

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To their practice add their doctrine of Infallibility.

To this their Doctrine and Practice of their Imperious Claim of Supremacy over all earthly Crowns and Potentates, add but their Doctrine of *Infallibility* aſcribed unto their *Lord God* the *Pope*, (as blaſphemouſly enough ſome of his *Paraſites* and *Sycophants* do ſtile him) which makes him, according to Dr. *Jackſon*, the *Great Antichriſt* of the world, and you have a compleat, what? Religion, ſhall I ſay? nay, a Kingdom of darkneſs and myſtery of Iniquity. For, if Mr. *Chillingworth*, or rather his irrefragable Arguments are to be credited, he that affirms the *Popes Infallibility* puts himſelf into his hands and power to be led by him at his eaſe and pleaſure into *all Hereſie*, and even unto *Hell* it ſelf, and cannot with reaſon ſay (ſo long as he is conſtant to his ground) *Domine cur ita facis?* but muſt believe white to be black, and black to be white; ſin to be piety, and piety to be ſin; nay (which is a horrible, but a moſt certain truth) *Chriſt to be Antichriſt*, and *Antichriſt to be Chriſt*, if it be poſſible for the Pope to ſay ſo, which is to make men Apoſtate from Chriſt to his *pretended Vicar*, but *real Enemy*. In as much as he that requires that his Interpretations of any Law ſhould be obeyed as true, ſeem they to mens underſtandings never ſo diſſonant from it (as the Pope doth) requires indeed
XII. that his Interpretations ſhould be the Laws, and he that ſo believes them (though to his private judgment they ſeem unreaſonable) is indeed congruouſly diſpoſed to hold Adultery a venial ſin, and Fornication no ſin: All temporal Crowns, all the world over, to be at the Popes diſpoſal, whenſoever he and his Adherents

herents ſhall ſo declare. If I ſhould pretend to believe the *Bible*, yet would underſtand it as the *chief Mufty* ſhould interpret it, who would not ſay I were *a Chriſtian in pretence* only, but indeed and truth a *Mahumetan*?

When the Jeſuites were baniſhed the Republick of *Venice*, they left nothing of importance within the Houſe, but being ſearched at *Padua*, were found many copies of a certain Writing containing 18 *Rules*, under this title, *Regulæ aliquot ſervandæ, ut cum Orthodoxa Eccleſia vere ſentiamus: i.e.* Rules which ought to be obſerved, to the end that our belief may be conformable to that of the Orthodox Church; in the 17. whereof there is a Preſcription to take heed how men *preſs and inculcate too much the Grace of God:* & in the 3. it is contained, that *men muſt believe the Hierarchicall Church, although it tell us that is black which our eye judgeth to be white.*

Put all this together, and I appeal to all Princes, Proteſtant and Popiſh, nay, Turkiſh and Heatheniſh, if that in prudence they ought not to provide againſt this common Enemy, by wholſom and ſevere Laws, both *ſanguinary* and other; eſpecially conſidering that this Duel between the *Sovereignty of Kings* and the *proud uſurpation* of the *Pope in Temporalibus* hath been long a fighting, and the Cudgels ſtill held up by the *Pope*, wherein if this pretence of his by *Bulls* and *Breves* to make *Sovereign Princes* as the *Banditi*, and to proſcribe their lives, and to expoſe their Kingdoms to prey, and all perſons that ſubmit to the *Popes* power, be not by all poſſible

poſſible ſeverity of Laws, ſanguinary and other, repreſſed and puniſhed. The *State* of *Kings Chriſtian*, & other (for it is a common Cauſe) will be no other than the torment feigned to be in the *Hell* of the *Heathen*, *viz.* a man gorgeouſly clad, Princely attended, delicately feeding, &c. with a ſword hanging over his head by a ſmall hair, ready every moment to be cut down by an accurſing and accurſed hand.

The State of *Venice* defend their power againſt the Popes uſurpations.

XIII Therefore take the example of the wiſeſt Republick in the world, (to ſay nothing as yet of our own Kingdom) the *State of Venice*, how they managed the quarrels between them and *Paul* the 5. maintaining that the *Pope* hath no power to abbrogate the Laws of Princes in temporal matters, nor to deprive them of their Eſtates, or free their Subjects from their Allegiance, which they owe unto them; that to depoſe Kings is a new thing, never attempted till about 500 years ſince, againſt the *Scriptures*, and the examples of *Jeſus Chriſt*, and of his Saints, and that to teach that in caſe of controverſie between a *Pope* and a *Prince* it is lawful to purſue him by fraud and open force; or, that the Subjects which rebel againſt him do by that means obtain remiſſion of their ſins, is a Doctrine ſeditious and ſacrilegious; *that Eccleſiaſticall men by Divine Law are not exempted from ſecular power*, neither in their perſons, nor in their goods: that *notwithſtanding any exemption*, *the Prince hath ſtill power over their perſons and goods whenſoever neceſſity conſtrains him*, *to ſerve himſelf of them*: that the *Pope* ought not to think himſelf infallible; that the Authority of binding and looſing

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ought to be with this caution, *Clave non errante*, seeing God hath commanded the Pastor to follow the *merit* and *justice* of the *cause*, not *his own inclination*, that according to the Doctrine of S. *Austin*, the *Excommunication of a multitude, or of him who commandeth, and is followed by a great number of people, is pernicious and sacrilegious*; that the *new name* of *blind obedience* invented by *Ignatius Loyala* (*taking away the essence of that vertue, which ought to work by certain knowledge and election, exposeth us to sin*) doth not excuse him that is deceived by the *Ghostly Father*, and may ingender Seditions, as it hath been seen within this few years, since that abuse hath been introduced.

They proceeded yet further, complaining against the *Jesuits*, that they had been the Authors and Instruments of all uprores, seditions, confusions, and ruines happening within their times, in all Kingdoms and States in the world. Wherefore 14. *Junii* 1606. they did decree, That that the *Congregation* of *Jesuites*, having been received at *Venice* from their first beginning, and there ever since favoured, they on the contrary returning nothing but *Ingratitude* towards the *Republick*, and shewing themselves still inclinable to do all sorts of evil offices to the *State*; in which disposition they yet continued by insupportable Enterprizes, and insolent Calumnies, seeking all occasions to offend them. For these causes they should never be admitted or received in any place of the *State*, nor this *Decree revoked*, unless the whole Process against them were first read in full *Senate*,

(which consists of 180 *Senators)* should give suffrage for their *Revocation.* And this was one certain Argument of their enormous and evident crimes, that there was not any one person of so great a number, who spake any thing in favour of them: and in the *Scruteny* made by secret voices, all were found unanimous to decree their perpetual banishment: And when they went away, (which was two hours within night) and when their *Superior* (who last of all entred the *Barque*) demanded *Benediction of the Vicar of the* Patriarch, the multitude cried out, *Ande in mall hora,* Go with a *vengeance,* or, *in the Devils name.*

The *State* proceeded yet higher, *not being content with the banishment of the Jesuits,* and dismission of the *Capuchins* and *Theatines*, they made some *sanguinary Laws*, giving some commands to the *Ecclesiasticks, under pain of death*; yet was this great Quarrel and Affair managed with so much prudence and dexterity, that no bloud of any man was shed for Contempt or Rebellion.

What the *French King* did to the *Jesuites*, the *Pyramis* erected in *Paris* to their Infamy (though now demolished) gave abundant testimony. And how contrary the Tenents of the *Gallican Church* are to the *Tenents* of *Rome*, in reference to the power the *Pope* claims over *temporal Princes*, is so apparent and known, that it needs no further publication, and was but as it were yesterday on the stage again at *Paris*, promoted by the *Jesuits*, and declared against by the *King* and *Parliament* of *Paris*.

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As it is not unworthy our obſervation here to conſider how that after *H. the* 4*th.* (ſurnamed the *Great* of *France*) bred a *Proteſtant*, had changed his Religion, and (contrary to the perſwaſion of the *Duke of Sully*, the reaſons of his *firſt ſeat of Juſtice*, and the ſupplication of the *Univerſity of Paris*) had again re-admitted the *Jeſuits* (juſtly baniſhed by the ſolemn Edict of the *Court of Parliament*, as Corrupters of Youth, Diſturbers of the publick peace, and enemies to the King and Realm,) and that (as Hiſtorians relate) only for fear they ſhould ſend him the ſame way they did *H. the* 3. (who was baſely murdered by *James Clement* a wretched *Jacobin Frier* by inſtigation of Father *Commolet* and other *Jeſuits*) was yet ſtabb'd to the heart by *Ravillac*, a Raſcal Votary, & that by encouragement of the *Jeſuits*, after he had wonderfully obliged them, not only by their re-admiſſion, but receiving them into great Favours, making *Father Cotton* his Confeſſor, giving them his Houſe at *La Fleſche* for a Colledge, with Endowments, &c. Marks of Gods Providence.

So it is as admirable in the eies of all the Obſervers of God's Providence, how miraculouſly Queen *Eliz.* a Virgin, was ſignally protected by God, in whom only ſhe truſted, and to whoſe protection alone ſhe committed her Perſon and the Proteſtant Religion, ſo that ſhe died quietly in her bed, *full of glory*, and *full of daies*, having quelled all her enemies, maugre *Sommervile's dagge & Parry dagger*, and *Squire & Lopez*, their poiſoning Artifices, and all the Fury and deviliſh Machinations at home and abroad, that *Pope*

and Jeſuits, France, Spain, and *Catholick Princes,* Forreign and Domeſtick could uſe and invent, under whoſe Regiment the *Proteſtant Religion* and her *Dominions* (though well nigh calcined into aſhes with fire and faggot in the late *Marian daies*) were reeſtabliſhed, and have floriſhed ever ſince under her Proteſtant Royal Succeſſors (deſign'd alſo to the ſlaughter by Maſſacres and Gunpowder) owning the ſame *God, Faith* and *Religion* as ſhe did, without *eſtabliſhing* or *tollerating* any other, according to her good example, and the tenor of Holy Writ.

By which and other examples it's obſervable, firſt, That the wonderful Providence of God did ſuffer the *Sword* of *Rome* to be ſheathed in the bowels of thoſe *Kings* that were *Devotaries* and *Vaſſals* of *Rome*, & did ſafe-guard thoſe Princes that refuſed to bear the *Romiſh* yoke and tyranny, or to wear its Badge, from the fury of *Romiſh Hectors* and *Burreos*. 2. As *Romiſh Comminations, Uſurpations*, & *Anathemaes* have been common to Princes of both Religions, with intendment to make them all Tenants upon ſufferance and at will: ſo have Princes of both Religions been ſenſible both by Pen (wherein K. *James* of ever bleſſed memory hath been moſt eminent) and practiſe of *Rome*'s injurious incroachments on their temporalties, and have as ſtoutly defended them againſt that proud and uſurping Chair. Witneſs amongſt very many *Lewis the 12th* of *France*, a moderate Prince, who when his Realm was *interdicted* by Pope *Julius the 2.* cauſed Coins of gold to be ſtamped with his own Image, with this ſuperſcription, *Perdam nomen Babylonis*

lonis e terra, wherein he did out-vie *Luther* in applying *Babylon* to *Rome*. Likewise the Emperor *Charles* the 5. (accounted one of the Popes best Sons) in defence of his Temporalties, little regarding the *Pontificality of Pope Clement*, kept him prisoner 18 months in a pestilent Prison, and was hardly disswaded by his Counsel from sending him *Captive into Spain*. What our Princes of both Religions have done against that usurping power, our Laws and Histories give abundant testimony.

XV. Having lightly touched on the Care and Provision of other Nations, against such usurped Powers and Treasons; Let us now take a cursory *view* of some of many of our own Acts, first considering what our Laws make Treason, be it in whom it will, Papist or not Papist; and then *when they became sanguinary, more particularly against the Papists*, and upon what account and provocation.

XVI. Sanguinary & other Laws against *Papists* in *England*.

It is High Treason by our Laws to compass the death of *King*, *Queen*, or *Eldest Son*, or to *intend* or *imagine* any of their *Deaths*, or to *deprive* or *depose* the *King* or *Queen*, even in one *non compos mentis*: So to levy war against the *King* or *Queen*, or to practise with the Governor of another Countrey; to Invade this *Realm*; so to kill such as assist the *King* in his wars. or adhere to the King's enemies: So are all *Counsellors*, *Consenters*, *Procurers* and *Ayders* of any *Treason*, 25. *Edw.* 3. *c.* 2. all which were *high Treason* before *by the Common Law of England*.

There are also divers other Offences made *high Treason* by other *Statutes* made since 1. *El z.* and

especially made *for the preservation of the said Queen, her Heirs, &c.* and of the Dignity of the *Imperial Crown* of this *Realm*, and for the avoiding of the danger, &c. growing in the whole *State* by means of *the jurisdiction of the See of Rome* heretofore usurped in this Kingdom: as first the *Maintainers, Councellors, Ayders, Extollers* of the Authority of any Forreign *Prince, Prelate*, or *State*, in *Spirituall matters* within any of the King's Dominions, yet so as not to be attainted in bloud, nor forfeit Goods or Lands, and the *Oath* to be tendred to *Ecclesiasticks*. Also the Bringers over of Books defending such Authority; and the Readers, Hearers, and Justifiers of them; and so the Printers, or Utterers of such Books; so the Refusers of *the Oath of Supremacy* incur for the first fault *a Præmunire*, for the next *High Treason*, 5 *Eliz.* 1. *P. Crow* 6. 8. the second refusal of the *Oath of Allegiance* incurs *a* Præmunire, 3. *Jacob.* 4. P. *Recus* 45. To procure a *Bull* from *Rome*, purporting to absolve and *reconcile* those that *will forsake* their *Allegiance* to the *King* and submit to the *Bull* of *Rome*; or to give or take, to grant or promise *Absolution* by colour of any such *Bull*, or to use or publish any such
XVII. *Bull*; both the Offenders and Procurers, &c. incur *High Treason*, 13 *Eliz.* 2 P. *Crow* 2. P. *Præmun.* 5.

To procure in the Court of *Rome* any *Excommunication, Bull, &c.* against the *King*, his *Crown*, or *Realm*, or to receive, &c. such do incur *a* Præmunire, 16 *R.* 2. 5. To practise, &c. beyond, or upon the Seas, and within the *King's Dominions*, to draw his Subjects from their *Allegiance* to the *King, &c.* or *to*

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reconcile them to the Pope, or to move them to *promiſe obedience* to the *See of Rome*, or to any other Prince, is to incur *High Treaſon*, except they ſubmit within 6 daies, 23. *Eliz.* 1. 3. *Jac.* 4. *&c.* Concealers of ſuch offence is *Miſpriſion of Treaſon*, 23 *Eliz.* 1. P. *Ro.* 8. Any *Jeſuite Prieſt*, or other *Eccleſiaſtical perſon* (born within any of the Kings Dominions, and made by Authority from the Pope) to be within the Kings Dominions, contrary to this Statute, is *High Treaſon*, 27 *Eliz.* 1. P. *Jeſuits* 2. If any of the Kings Subjects brought up in any *Seminary* or *Colledge* of *Jeſuits* or *Seminary* beyond the Sea, ſhall not within 6 weeks after Proclamation in *London*, return and give notice within two daies, ſhall not ſubmit to the King's Laws, and take the *Oath of Supremacy* ſet forth 1 *Eliz.* 1. ſhall be adjudged a *Traytor*, 27 *Eliz.* 2 P. *Jeſuits* 4. for that then it is to be preſumed that it is *not Faith, but Faction*; *not Truth, but Treaſon*; *not Religion, but Rebellion*, which is the cauſe of their coming. There are many other *Statutes* concerning *Recuſants* and *Papalins*, which not being *ſanguinary* (the Lawes ſo much exclaimed againſt) I mention not.

It is obſervable, that theſe *Acts* declaring *Treaſon*, XVIII. are not only againſt *Romaniſts*, but againſt all others ſo acting, whether *Proteſtants*, *Turks*, *Jews* or *Heathens*, of what Countrey, Sect, or Religion ſoever; and that moſtly thoſe *Papiſts* that were condemned were indited on the Statute of 25 *Edw.* 3. and 4. not on thoſe *Acts* made in Q. *Elizabeths* time.

It is not unworthy our notice to conſider what the Kingdom

Some Transactions in *Scotland* in Church-affairs.

Kingdom of *Scotland* did about the year 1584. when some *Protestant Ministers* there inveighed against the *Queen*, with most unworthy *Calumniations*, both out of the *Pulpit* and at *Meetings*, most sharply defaming the *King* and his *Councel*; and being commanded to appear before them, they most contemptuously refused, *as if Pulpits were exempted from the Authority of Kings, and Church-men not subject to the Command of the Prince, but to the Presbytery*, Diametrically opposite to the *Laws made the same year* in an Assembly of the *Estates*, whereby the *King's Authority* was for ever confirmed over all his Subjects, as well *Ecclesiastical* as *Lay*, *viz.* That the *King* and his *Councel* were *Competent Judges* in all Causes; and that those which submitted not to their Judgement should be guilty of *High Treason*. The *Consistories*, as well *general* as *special* of the *Presbyteries*, as also the *Assemblies* of *Lay-men*, (*which had arrogated to themselves infinite Authority*) were prohibited both to Assemble at their pleasure, without consulting the *King*, and to prescribe *Laws to the King himself*, and the whole *Realm*. *The popular equality also of Ministers*, was taken away; the *Bishops* also restored to their *Dignity* and *Jurisdiction*, whose Vocation the *Presbyteries had condemned as Antichristian*, and also scandalous Writings against the *King*, the *King's Mother* and his *Councel*; and *Buchanan's History*, and a *Dialogue of the Priviledge of the Kingdom among the Scots* were prohibited and suppressed, as containing many things blame-worthy to be obliterated and forgotten. Notwithstanding all this, the *Presbytery*

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being in point of *Domination* but a *Minced* and *Cantonized Papacy*) brake out into open *Rebellion* again: And 2. *July* 1605. *seventeen Scotish Ministers*, contrary to the *Kings* former expreſs command, held a *ſolemn Aſſembly* at *Aberdeen* in *Scotland*, who being convented for the ſame before the Councel, utterly *denied* not only *their Lordſhips Authority* in that behalf, *but the King's alſo*, alledging, *That in matters Eccleſiaſtical they neither owe, nor ought to acknowledge themſelves in any ſubjection, either to the King, or to any temporal Council*, and that all ſpiritual differences ſhould be tried and determined by the *Church*, as moſt competent Judges, *&c.* juſtifying their voluntary meeting to be good and warrantable by the Word of God: Alledging the ſeveral Aſſemblings of the *Apoſtles*, without knowledge or conſent of any temporall Eſtate, *&c.* for which Riot, and for denying the *King's ſupremacy* in cauſes *Eccleſiaſtical*, ſix of the chief of them the 10. of *January* following, at *Blackneſs* were *arraigned and condemned of High Treaſon.* If our *Presbyters* here ſhould avow the ſame, the Law would paſs upon them as ſeverely, as being within the conſtruction of the like Acts here. Were not Sir *Thomas Wyat*, Sir *Peter Carew*, Sir *James Croſts*, and their Proteſtant Aſſociates executed for *Treaſon* within the ſame Acts that Papiſts were tried by? which makes it clear, that it is not *for one Religion or the other* that they are executed, but *for their Treaſon.* Why might not Dr. *Lopez* as reaſonably have complained, and avowed, that he was executed for his *Profeſſion*, and not for his *Treaſon?* as *Slade*, XIX.

Body, and others did, that they were condemned *for Religion*, and not *for Treason*? As if this or that Religion were a Warrant or *Supersedeas* for Rebellion, *a sin as bad as that of Witchcraft*.

XX. How the Papists used Q. E. and she them.

Now let us consider how they used *Queen Elizabeth* in whose time the *Sanguinary Laws* they so much complain of were first made (though divers other Laws were made in several Kings Reigns against the Authority claimed by Popes over the *Imperial Crown* of this *Realm*, as in R. the 2. his time it was declared, that the *Crown of England* was under the command of none but God alone, and the Bishop of *Rome* had no right thereunto) and how she used them, and whether not forced to such capital Laws by their continual *Plots*, *Conspiracies* and *Treasons* against her *Crown* and *Dignity*.

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When Queen *Elizabeth* came to the Crown, which was 17. *Novemb.* 1558. her first care and Councels were, how to promote the true *Religion*, and therefore she permitted the *Epistles*, *Gospels*, *Ten Commandments*, the *Lords Prayer*, the *Apostles Creed*, and the *Letany* to be read unto the People in the *English Tongue*: but in all other things they were to use the *Romish Rites and Ceremonies*, till a perfect Form of Worship should be concluded upon by Authority of Parliament: so willing was she to have won the Papists by a moderate *Conformity* and *Compliance*. This her merciful connivance and willing compliance from the beginning of her Reign continued until about the 13. year of her Reign, and longer, conniving at their own Service of God in their private houses, in a manner

ner, without punishment, although it were prohibited by the Law (under a pecuniary *Mulct*,) and this notwithstanding the often Rebellions by Papists begun in *Ireland* by *Shan O Neal* in the third year of her Reign, and successively following, raging like waves of the Sea, one in the neck of another, even unto the last year of her Reign, (which was 45 years) the last whereof was assisted by the *Spaniard*, as he had often done before, who arrived at *Kingsale* with great Forces in the 43. year of her Reign, and not quite subdued until the last year of her Reign, and that a little before her death: but after such time as that Thunder-bolt of *Excommunication* was darted from *Rome* against the *Queen*, other Counsels were taken, and it drew forth a Law in the year 1571. 13. *Eliz.* against those that should bring into the Realm *such Bulls, Agnus Dei's, and hollowed grains, &c.* (privy tokens of Papal obedience) or should reconcile any man to the Church of *Rome*. Yet was there no man in full *six years* proceeded against by that Law, though some were apprehended that had transgressed against it. The *first* that was convicted by this Law, was one *Cuthbert Mayne*, *a Priest*, who, not for his Religion, but for being an obstinate maintainer of the Popes power against his Prince, was put to death at St. *Stephens Fane* (commonly called *Launston*) in *Cornwal*. And *Trugion* a Gentleman which had harboured him, was turned out of his Estate, and condemned to perpetual imprisonment. Besides this *Mayne*, *Hanse* and *Nelson*, *other Priests*, and *Sherwood*, having with him obstinately taught that the *Queen* was a *Schismatick*, and *Heretick*, and

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therefore to be depoſed, were *for this their Treaſon* executed, *not for Religion.*

Whoever conſiders the anſwer that *Pope Paul* the fourth gave to Sr. *Edward Karne* (the Queen's Agent with the Pope, when he acquainted his *Holines* from the *Queen*, with the *death of Queen Mary*, and her ſucceſſion to the Crown, not without deſire that all good offices might be reciprocally exchanged between them, *viz.* that the Kingdom of *England* was *held in Fee of the Apoſtolick See, that ſhe could not ſucceed being illegitimate, that he could not contradict the Declarations of Clement the 7th, and Paul the third, that it was a great boldneſs to aſſume the name and government of it without him: Yet being deſirous to ſhew a Fatherly affection, if ſhe would renounce her pretenſions, and refer her ſelf wholly to his free diſpoſition, he would do whatſoever may be done with the honour of the Apoſtolick See.* Whoever I ſay doth conſider theſe Claims and Pretenſions, together with the frequent Rebellions raiſed by him; the King of *Spain*, and his *Catholicks* here and in
XXIII. *Ireland*, may with very good Logick conclude, That *Mayne died not for Religion, but for aſſerting the Pope's power*, contrary to eſtabliſhed Acts of Parliament, and ſo *Ignorance* could not be pleaded, and that no wiſe *Senate* could adviſe other. And take this along with you, that before the execution of this *Prieſt*, there had been raiſed on the *Popiſh* account a *Rebellion*, (beſides that of *Shan Neale* in *Ireland* 3. *Eliz.* which was renewed again, after the *Queen* had pardoned him, in the 10th year of her *Reign*) *in the*

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North, ſtoutly promoted by *Nicholas Morton Prieſt*, who was ſent from the *Biſhop of Rome* to denounce the *Queen* to be an *Heretick*, and thereby to have *forfeited* all *Dominion* and *power*; the *Rebels* declaring amongſt other things, that they had not taken *Arms* with other intent, *than that the Religion of their forefathers might be reſtored.* And at *Durham* the firſt place of their *Rendevouz*, they rent and trampled under foot the *Engliſh Bibles* and *books* of *Common Prayer*, celebrating *Maſſes* in all places as they marched. At *Durham Plomtree a Prieſt* with 66 *petty Conſtables* and others were hanged, at *York* others, and others were proſcribed.

In the 12th year of her *Reign* there was a new *rebellion* in *Ireland*, and another in *England*, that of *Ireland* raiſed by *Edmund* and *Peter*, *brethren* to the *Earl of Ormond*, with others, who with the *Biſhop of Rome*, and the *Spaniard*, laboured all they could to maintain their *Religion*, and to thruſt the *Queen* out of her *Kingdom* of *Ireland*. And in her 13th year *Pope Pius Quintus*, who had heretofore laid cloſe plots againſt her, and had lately by his *Bull Declaratory* (*without any Admonition or Citation premiſed*) *ſecretly innodated* her by his Sentence of *Anathema*, and had raiſed Rebellion againſt her, now cauſed the ſame ſentence to be publiſhed, and ſet up on the *Gates of the Biſhop of London's Palace* in theſe words, *A Sentence Declaratory of our Holy Lord Pope Pius Quintus, againſt Elizabeth Queen of England, and the Hereticks adhering to her*; wherein alſo all her Subjects are declared abſolved from the *Oath of Alle-*

gience, and every other thing due unto her whatsoever. And those which from henceforth obey her, are *innodated* with the *Anathema*.

XXIV. It's observable that in this *Bull* besides the *grand impiety* thereof there was a most *apparent folly* and a *manifest defect* in a most *material circumstance*, even in matter of *form*, and that of so high and significant a *nature*, as that it made the *Bull* it self altogether *Immomentum* and indeed of *no value*, because it was declared without any *Citation* preceding. It being an undoubted *maxim* among all *Civilians*, *That Citations are de jure naturali and also very requisite in all causes declaratory, and that admonition also ought to go before censure*, this palpable defect made some of the more moderate *Papists* very much dislike the *Bull*, and continue their *Allegiance* though some others did not: Sure his *Holines* (if such appellation did rightly belong unto him) could not but fear a *Judgment Divine* for so transgressing in his *Pastoral Office*, because *God* had denounced by *Jeremy* c. 23. 1. 2. *A wo unto the Pastors that have scattered my flock and driven them away, and have not visited them: Behold I will visit upon you the evil of your waies saith the Lord.*

Upon this *Bull* another *rebellion* was hatching in *Norfolk* but prevented, for which some were brought to tryal, and condemned of *High Treason*; *John Felton* who had set up the *Bull* on the *Bishop of London's Palace Gates* was now taken, *arraigned* and *executed not for Religion*, I wot, *but for Treason*, having transgressed such *Statutes* as made such acts *Treason*, and

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was indicted on them. At his execution he boldly confessed the Fact, but not as a fault. The *more modest Papists* secretly misliked this *Bull*, for that no *Admonition had preceded* according to Law, and because before that they *had private exercise of their Religion within their own houses, quietly enough, or else refused not to go to our service of God, used in our English Churches, without scruple of conscience.* For till the Pope made the frequenting of our Liturgy (which was not then disliked no not by the Pope himself, for that he offered the Queen that if she would hearken to his Council he would confirm the Book of *Common-Prayer* in *England*, and permit to her people the use of the *Sacrament* in both kinds) a *signum distinctivum* very many of them assembled with us in our Churches, & joyned in the use thereof.

About the third year of her Reign, the *King* of *Spain* took smal occasion to quarrel with her, denying to renew the *League* of *Burgundy* made of old between their Predecessors, though it were required by *Vicount Montacute*, the *Queen's Ambassador* there, & redelivering the *Ensigns of the Order of S. George* unto *Montacute*. About the same time the *Count of Feria* forcibly drew a servant of *Chambenlain's*, the *Queens Ordinary Ambassador* in *Spain* into the *Inquisition* as guilty of *Heresie*.

Some few years afterwards *Man* the *English Ambassador* in *Spain*, being accused to have spoken somewhat irreverently of the *Pope*, was forbid the *Court* and *Madrid*, and thrust into a Countrey Village, his Servants *compelled* to be present at *Mass*, and the

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exercise of his own Religion forbidden, which was never denied here *to strangers*, much less to *Ambassadors* and their Servants. Whilst about the same time *Thomas Harding*, *Nicholas Sanders*, and *T. P. Fugitive Divines* lustily exercised their *Episcopal power* received from the Pope, to absolve in *Court of Conscience* all *English men* which returned to the bosom of their *Church*; and to *Dispense* also in cause of *Irregularity*, excepting causes arising of wilfull murder, or deduced into a Court of Law; and also to absolve from *Irregularity* by reason of *Heresie*, so as the persons to be absolved do abstain from the *Ministry* of the *Altar* for the space of three years.

About the same time the *Duke of Alva* in the *Netherlands* began to put in execution the designs concluded on at *Baion* for the *extirpation of the Protestants Religion*. And in *France* Edicts were published *utterly forbidding the exercise of the reformed Religion*, the Professors thereof removed from publick Offices, and the *Ministers of the Word* commanded to depart the Realm within a prefixed time, & much cruelty used towards them, notwithstanding the *Queen's Interposition* & *Mediation* on their behalf, and entertained many of them, and also of the *Netherlanders* here, as in a Sanctuary, while the Duke of *Alva* breathed nothing but Death and Bloud against them, exercising much cruelty over mens Consciences by the *Spanish Inquisition*. And commanded, that none but Ships of War should put to Sea out of the *Netherlands*, to seiz the *English* where ever they could, and procured the like to be done in *Spain*, where the

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Engliſh Merchants and Marriners were drawn into the Inquiſition, condemned to the Gallies, and their Goods confiſcate, and withall he dealt with the *Duke* of *Norfolk* & the *Earl* of *Ormond* by *ſecret Meſſengers*, that the one ſhould give the *Queen* ſomewhat to do in *Ireland*, and the other in *England*, which they moſt faithfully revealed to their *Liege Lady* and *Queen*.

About the year 1573. the *Spaniard* commanded the *Duke* of *Medina-Cœly* with *Vitelli Chapine* (who a while before 1569. was ſent hither by the *Duke* of *Alva*, *pretending* ſettlement of *Commerce*, but *intending* the *obſervation* of the *ſucceſs* of a *Rebellion* of their own hatching ſhortly to break forth; *La Motte* Governor of *Dunkirk* having before ſounded our Ports in the habit of a *Saylor*) to aid the *Papiſts* in *England* by his *Fleet*: and about the year 1579. the *Spaniard* armed and ſent into *Ireland James Fitz-Morrice*, a Fugitive and Arch Rebel, who (formerly kneeling down before *Perrot* Preſident of *Munſter* had with lamentable howlings obtain'd his pardon, and moſt religiouſly vowed *Allegiance* to the *Queen*) landed at *Smerwick* in *Kerry*, having been firſt ſent to the *Pope* from the *King* of *Spain*, from whom, by the ſollicitation of *Saunders* an *Engliſh*, and *Allen* an *Iriſh Prieſt*, and having gotten money, and *Legative Authority* committed to *Sanders*, and an *Hollowed Banner* and *commendatory Letters* to the *King* of *Spain*, was ſoon after his landing ſlain (his own Father and Brothers abhorring his breach of Faith plighted fighting againſt him) and his quarters hung up at *Kilma-*

lock, where he had ſolemnly vowed *Allegiance* to the *Queen* in the *Church* before *Perrot*.

In the year 1580. *San Joſepho* was ſent by the *Pope* and *Spaniard* into *Ireland* (*now given to the King of Spain by the Pope, as forfeited to him for the Queens Hereſie*) to reduce that Realm to his obedience with 700 men, fore-runners of a greater force intended to be ſent after; but by the ſpeedy defeat of thoſe already landed, they were diſcouraged to purſue that Action: which Invaſion was procured to be done by the *Kings own Orders*, both by the Letters of *Secretary Eſconedo* and of *Guerres* to the King; and alſo by divers other Letters wherein the particular *Conferences* were ſet down concerning this Enterprize Between Cardinal *Riario* the *Popes Legate* and the *Kings Deputy* in *Spain* touching the *General*, the *number* of men, the *contribution* of money, and the *manner* of proſecuting this war, and by the confeſſion of ſome of the chief priſoners taken at the *Fort Del Or*. Theſe, with divers other like practiſes, as a continual Receipt comfort and countenance by Audience, Penſions & Imployments which he gave to *Engliſh* & *Iriſh* Traytors and Fugitives, as *Weſtmerland*, *Paget*, *Englefield*, *Baltinglaſs*, and others do abundantly ſhew the conſtant rancor of *Rome* and *Spain* againſt the *Queen* and the *Proteſtant Religion*.

It would be too tedious to tell of all the *Rebellions* and *Conſpiracies* on the *Papiſts* account before *Cuthbert Mayne* was executed. However it will not be much amiſs to tell you out of *Hieronymo Catena* in the life of *Pius Quintus*, how inflamed *Pius Quintus*

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was with zeal, to reſtore the *Romiſh Religion* in *England*, and withal to remove Q. *Elizabeth from her Kingdom*; for effecting of which he laboured might and main with the *Engliſh Papiſts*, *Spaniards*, *French* and *Portugals*, publiſhed a *Bull*, *depoſed the Queen* from her *Scepter*, *abſolved* her *Subjects* from all *Oaths* and *Obedience*, ſending printed Copies thereof to *Robert Ridolpho* (a Gentleman of *Florence* whom he had *ſuborned* living here *pretending* Merchandizing, who alſo before had been a Conſpirator with the Duke of *Norfolk*, and others in their Treaſons) to be diſperſed all over *England*, urging the *Spaniards* ſo ſtrongly to aid the Conſpirators, that he promiſed to go himſelf to their Succour, and if need were to morgage all the *Goods of the Apoſtolick See*, *Chalices*, *Croſſes*, *and holy Veſtments*. All this and much more hath *Catena* (Secretary to Cardinal *Alexandrino* the Popes *Nephew*) written, whereof ſome things were unknown to the *Engliſh*, before ſuch time as he divulged them in his Book printed at *Rome* with the Priviledge of *Sextus Quintus* 1588.

I am confident no ſober minded perſon in the world will judge the *Queen* either over-haſty or cruel, that after ſo many years Rebellions and Conſpiracies, publick and private, ſhould at length make and put her *ſevereſt Laws* in execution againſt ſuch implacable enemies of her Peace, and God's true Faith and Religion.

Whilſt the *Duke* of *Anjou* abode here, the *Queen*, XXV.
to take away the fear that Religion would be altered, and *Popery tollerated*, being overcome with importu-

nate ſuit, permitted that *Edmund Campion* (ſometime Fellow of St. *Johns Colledge* in *Oxon*, and Proctor of the Univerſity, being made a *Deacon*, diſſembled the *Proteſtant Religion*, until he withdrew himſelf out of *England*) a *Jeſuit*, *Ralph Sherwin*, *Luke Kirby*, and *Alexander Briant*, Prieſts, ſhould be arraigned, who being indicted on the *Act of Treaſon* (not of Religion) 25 *Edw.* 3. and charged that they had compaſſed and imagined the deſtruction of the *Queen* and *Realm*, adhered to the *Biſhop of Rome* the *Queen*'s enemy, and had come into *England* to diſturb the quiet ſtate of the *Realm*, and to gather forces, were condemned to die: And whereas they *obſtinately defended the Popes Authority againſt the Queen*, were executed. For *Campion* after he was condemned, being ask'd firſt, *whether Queen Elizabeth were a lawfull and rightfull Queen?* refuſed to anſwer: then *whether he would take part with the Queen, or the Pope, if he ſhould ſend forces againſt the Queen?* he openly profeſſed and teſtified under his hand, *That he would ſtand for the Pope.* Afterwards ſome others alſo were executed for the ſame cauſes; whereas in full ten years after the *Rebellion* I find no more than *five Papiſts put to death*, & thoſe not without citing, arraigning, conviction, and that upon proof, and that againſt *Laws eſtabliſhed* and then in force: Such certainly were theſe times that the *Queen* (who as *Hiſtorians* contemporary with her obſerve, *never thought mens conſciences were to be forced*) complained many times, that ſhe was driven of neceſſity to take theſe courſes, unleſs ſhe would contribute to

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the destruction of her self & her Subjects, *under colour of conscience and the Catholick Religion*; yet for the most part of those *silly Priests* she did not believe them to be guilty of practising the destruction of their Countrey: But those *Superiors* were they whom she held to be Instruments of this foul Crime, for so much as they which were sent, committed the full and free disposure of themselves to their *Superiors*; for when those which were taken were askt, Whether by Authority of the *Bull* of *Pius Quintus Bishop of Rome*, the *Subjects* were absolved from the *Oath of Allegiance* towards the *Queen*, in such sort that they might take up Arms against their *Prince*; whether they thought her to be lawful *Queen*; whether they would subscribe to *Sanders* and *Bristows* Opinion, of the authority of that *Bull*; whether if the *Bishop* of *Rome* should wage war against the *Queen*, they would join with her or him? Some answered ambiguously, others stoutly, and some by prevarication, or silence shifted off the question in such sort, that some *Catholicks* themselves more ingenuous than others, began to suspect they hatched some Treachery, insomuch that *J. Bishop*, though devoted to the *Bishop of Rome*, wrote against them. Notwithstanding all this, great numbers of *Priests* crept daily into *England*, who privily felt mens minds, spread abroad, *That Princes excommunicate were to be deposed*, *That such Princes as professed not the Romish Religion had forfeited their Regal Authority*; *That those men that had entred into Holy Orders, were by a certain Ecclesiastical freedom exempted from all Jurisdiction of Princes,* XXVI.

and not bound by their Laws, nor ought to reverence their Majesty; and that the Bishop of Rome hath Supream Authority and full power over the whole world, yea, even in temporal matters; and that the Magistrates of England were no lawfull Magistrates, and therefore not to be accounted for Magistrates; yea,
XXVII. *that all things whatsoever done by the Queens Authority, from the time that the Bull declaratory of Pius Quintus was published, were by the Laws of God and Man altogether void.* And some of them dissembled not that they were returned into *England* with no other intent, than by *reconciling in Confession*, to absolve every one in particular from all *Oaths* of *Allegiance* and *Obedience* to the *Queen*, like as the said *Bull* did absolve them at once in general. And this seemed the easier to be effected, for that they promised withal *absolution from all mortal sin*; and the safer, because it was performed more closely, and *under the seal of Confession.*

These things and the like extorted from the Estates of the *Realm*, which were assembled at *Westminster* in *January* 25 *Eliz. new and more severe Laws against the Papists*, wherein they are declared *guilty of High Treason*, who shall disswade the subjects from their obedience to their *Prince*, and from the *Religion* established in *England*, or shall *reconcile them to the Church of Rome*, and those also which shall be so *disswaded* or *reconciled.* Those also which shall say *Mass* are fined 200 *marks* and *imprisonment* for a year, and 100 *marks* and *imprisonment* for those that are present: and they which refuse to go to *Divine*

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ſervice in their *Pariſh Churches*, are fined in 20 *l.* a *month*, which the *Papiſts* cryed out was unjuſtly interpreted of *Lunary months*, who had hitherto redeemed their abſence upon *Sundays*, and *Holydaies* for 12 *d.* for the uſe of the poor.

Sommervill, Arden and his Wife, and *Hall* a Prieſt arraigned. XXVIII.

On the other ſide ſome *Papiſt books* againſt the *Queen and Princes excommunicate*, drew ſome (who had the *Popes* power in great *veneration*) from their *obedience*. Amongſt others one *Somervill* was ſo furious, that he went in great haſt to the *Queens Court*, breathing nothing but *blood* againſt the *Proteſtants*, Being apprehended, he profeſſed, that he would have *killed the Queen with his own hand*, whereupon he, and (by his impeachment) *Edward Arden* and his Wife, and *Sommervill* their daughter, and *Hall* a *Prieſt* as acceſſaries were arraigned and condemned. After three daies *Sommervill* ſtrangled himſelf in *priſon*. *Arden was executed*, the woman and the *Prieſt* were ſpared, ſo merciful was the *Queen* even to *Prieſts*. Notwithſtanding this her admirable clemency, the *Papiſts* about this time 1584. plotted a horrible malicious practiſe againſt the *Queen*, for they ſet forth books wherein they exhorted the *Queens women*, to commit the like *againſt the Queen*, as *Judith* had done with commendations *againſt Holofernes*. The *Author* was not found, but the ſuſpition lighted on *Gregory Martin*: *Carter a Bookſeller was executed*, who had procured them to be printed. Yet notwithſtanding the *Papiſts* here and there traduced the *Queen as cruel*, ſhe (being *ſemper eadem*) was very highly offended with the *Examiners in Papiſts Cauſes*, as inhumanly cruel to them,

Carter executed for procuring the printing of *non-licet* books.

them, and injurious to her *Honour* and *Clemency*: Insomuch as they thought it behoofful to excuse themselves by a publick Writing, protesting, That the Priests were more favourably dealt withal than they deserved; *That they were never once questioned for Religion, but only for dangerous practises against their Prince and Countrey*, upon vehement suspicion, and probable Arguments and Evidence: That *Campion* was never racked in such sort, but that he was able presently to walk, and subscribe his Confessions. But *Briant* obstinately refusing to speak or write who it was that wrote those secret matters found about him, was denied food till he asked it by writing.

Campion and *Briant* racked & denied food

XXIX. But these things did not satisfie the *Queen*, & therefore she commanded the *Examiners* to forbear tortures, and the *Judges* to refrain from putting to death: And not long after 70 *Priests* (whereof some were condemned, the rest in danger of Law) she commanded to be carried out of *England*, amongst whom those of chiefest note were *Jesper Heywood*, *the first of all the Jesuits that came into England*, *James Bosgrave Jesuit*, *John Hart*, and *Edward Rishton*, that impious ungrateful person to his Prince, to whom he ought his life; yet soon after he set forth a Book, wherein he vomited up the poison of his malice against her. Notwithstanding all this favour so frankly and so lately shewed towards the *Papists*, yet did *Throgmorton* the very same year (so unceassantly active, and implacable were they) plot with *Mendoza* the *Spanish Ambassador*, and others, for bringing in of Forreigners and others into *England*, and deposing

70 *Priests* condemned and in danger carried out of *England*.

Throgmorton plots with *Mendoza*.

deposing this *Mercifull Queen*; who all her Reign esteemed it, with *Solomon, her glory to pass by offences*. Before he was apprehended, he privily sent away a *Cabinet of secret matters to Mendoza*, who though according to ancient Custom and severity, ought to have *been* prosecuted to the *Gibbit*; for abusing the *sacred Priviledge of an Ambassador, to the comitting of Treason*, yet was only commanded to depart the Land. *Throgmorton* both confessed and denied many of his practises once and again, nevertheless being charged with them at the *Barr* in *Guild Hall London*, he denyed every thing, and accused the *Queen of cruelty*, and the *Examiners of falsehood*, presuming he should have bin indicted on the *Statute* of 13 *Eliz.* and so to have escaped by distance of time, for that by that Statute no man was to be tryed, if not charged and impeached within *six Months* after the crime was committed, and proved by two *witnesses*: Or the matter voluntarily confessed without violence; but he was indicted on the *Statute* of *Ed.* the 3. which admitted no circumscription of time, or proof, and according to this Law was he found *guilty of High Treason*, (not of the *Popish Religion*) and sentenced accordingly. Which done, he fled to the *Queens mercy*, and in writing confessed again more fully, all things in a manner which he had done before, which (such was his inconstancy) he again began to deny at the Gallows, but in vain. XXX.

We will proceed to instance in that famous *Welsh-man* Dr. *Will. Parry*, who was so notorious & cunning a *Traytor*, that there is a whole book written of him, Dr. *Parry* his Treason.

Intituled, A true and plain Declaration of the horrible Treasons practised by *William Parry*, &c. In the *Parliament assembled* 28 *Eliz.* 1585. This Dr. being a *member of the House of Commons*, when there was a Bill perferred there against the *Jesuits*, was the only man stood up to speak for them, *declaiming*, that the said *Law* was *cruel*, *bloody*, *full* of *desperation*, and *hurtful* to the *English Nation*, for which he was in danger of being turned out of the House, but upon his submission he was admitted again into the House. Shortly after he was accused by *Edmund Nevil* (next heir male to *Nevil Earl of Westmoreland* and to the title of *Lord Latimer*) to have plotted the taking away of the *Queens life*; whereupon, being sent to the Tower, he voluntarily confessed, that *Anno* 1570. he was sworn one of the *Queen's Servants*, that *Anno* 1580. he was condemned for *Burglary*, attempting to kill *Hugh Hare* in his Chamber, but the *Queen pardoned him*; that he had vowed himself to the *Catholick Religion*, and at *Paris* was reconciled to the *Church of Rome*; that at *Venice* he consulted with *Benedict Palmo*, and also with *Watts a Priest*, and *Chrichton* a *Scottish Jesuite*, about killing the *Queen*; that he received Letters of safe *Conduct* from *Cardinal Como* to come to *Rome*, where he consulted the *Pope himself* about the same, thinking it a grievous sin to give over his *Enterprize*, *in case the Pope would approve it* by his Letters, and grant him a *Plenary Pardon*. Being returned *into England* with that *horrid Resolution*, he got often access to the *Queen*, whose undaunted deportment made him

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depart with terror, confeſſing that ſhe ſaid unto him, that *no Catholicks ſhould be called in Queſtion for Religion, or the Popes Supremacy, ſo as they ſhewed themſelves good Subjects*; he ſued daily for the *Maſterſhip of S. Katharines*, was not minded to kill her, if ſhe could by any means be perſwaded to deal more favourably with the *Catholicks*, and therefore laid away *his Dagger*, as often as he had *Acceſs* to her. When he conſidered her, and her vertues truly royal, he *ſtaggered*, his vows being in *Heeven*, his Letters and promiſes among men. He, and his accuſer *Nevil* took their *Reciprocal Oaths* on the *Bible*, and reſolved with ten Horſemen to ſet upon the *Queen*, as ſhe rid abroad to take the *Air*, and *kill her*. All this and more he confeſſed to *Lord Hunſdon*, Sir *Chriſtopher Hatton*, and Sir *Francis Walſingham*, all privy *Councellors*, and begged pardon, by Letters to the *Queen*, to Lord *Burleigh*, and *Leiceſter*: Being *Arraigned* at *Weſtminſter Hall*, at the *Kings Bench* his *Indictment* was read, and alſo his *Confeſſion*, which he deſired to have read himſelf, and which he acknowledged to have been voluntary. But the *Clerk* of the *Crown* read both it and his Letters to the *Queen*, *Burleigh* and *Leiceſter*, and alſo *Cardinal Coma's Letter to him*. Sentence of death being pronounced, *he cited the Queen in a fury, to the Tribunal ſeat of God.* And on the Ladder, when he had vauntingly boaſted, how faithfully a Keeper of the *Queen* he had been, he ſaid his mind was *never fully perſwaded to deprive the Queen of life*, clean contrary to what he had before confeſſed.

Thus this ungrateful and proud *Welſhman* (who under his own hand ſaid, the *Queen* had never deſerved well of him, though ſhe gave him his life) *not ſo much as in word commending himſelf to God*, ſuffered as a Traytor (not as a religious perſon) in the old *Palace* at *Weſtminſter*, the *Parliament* then ſitting.

XXXIII. It is not unworthy our knowledge to conſider, that the *Pope* in *Cardinal Como's* Letter to *Parry* did promiſe *Earthly* and *Heavenly recompence* to him, for offering his ſervice to kill her Majeſty, the Letter is yet extant, the purpoſe confeſſed, the party executed, yet take it at length.

The Holineſs *of our* Lord *the Pope hath ſeen your Letter with the Credence incloſed, and cannot but praiſe your good diſpoſition and* * *reſolution which you write holdeth to the ſervice and benefit publick, wherein his* Holineſs *exhorteth you to continue, and to bring to paſs that which you promiſe. And to the end you may be the more aided by that* * *good ſpirit, which hath induced you to this, his bleſſedneſs granteth you full pardon and forgiveneſs of all your ſins, as you requeſted, aſſuring you, that beſide the merit which you ſhall receive in Heaven, his* Holineſs *will make himſelf a further debtor to acknowledge your deſervings in the beſt manner that he may, and ſo much the more, becauſe you uſe ſo great modeſty in not pretending any thing.* Put therefore in act your holy and honourable thoughts, *and look to your ſafety, and ſo I preſent my ſelf heartily to you, and wiſh you all good and happy ſucceſs. From* Rome 30. January 1584. Yours to diſpoſe *N.* Cardinal of *Como.*

* That reſolution was to kill the *Queen*, as *Parry* himſelf confeſſed.

* A pure ſpirit that leadeth ſubjects to murder their Princes.

Cicera

Cicero never ſaid ſo much in the praiſe of *Brutus* and *Caſſius* that ſlew *Cæſar* in the *Senate-Houſe*, as *Como* doth to this *Traytor* to murther the *Queen*, contrary to the *Holy Ghoſt* who abhorreth the murther of *Princes*, *Who can lay his hands on the Lords annointed, and be guiltleſs?* ſaith *David* to *Saul*, 1 *Sam.* 26. When yet *Saul* in all mens eſteem was a Tyrant, and by the opinion of Papiſts depoſed: *Whoever reſiſt purchaſe to themſelves damnation*, ſaith *Paul*, *Rom.* 13. 17. When none were *Princes* but ſuch as were *manifeſt* and *mighty bloud-ſuckers*. *William Chreicton* 28 *Eliz.* in his letter to Sir *Fr. Walſingham* confeſſed, that he was acquainted with the caſe, and conſulted if it were Treaſon to kill the *Queen*: *Dr. Parry* confeſſed under his own hand-writing to the *Prince*, that *Doctor Allens book* ſent him out of *France*, redoubled his former conceits that every word in it was a warrant to a prepared mind. It *taught, that Kings may be excommunicated, deprived, and violently handled.* It proveth, that all *war*, *forreign* and *civil*, undertaken for *Religion* is honourable. XXXII

Now he that may fight may kill, *war* againſt the *Prince*, and *murther* of the *Prince* are inevitable conſequents. It is not, ſay they, *murthering*, but *cenſuring* by the judgment of the *Holy Church*. As though that *Church* could be *holy*, which contradicteth the *Holy Ghoſt*. The *Phariſees* did not *murther*, they did but *cenſure Chriſt as worthy to die, and then delivered him to the ſecular power*, but yet St *Stephen* ſaid unto them, *You betrayed and murdered the juſt one*, *Acts* 7. Prayer and patience are weapons for Chriſtians to

gain deliverance. *Sommerfields Dagg, and Paries Dagger are Diveliſh means to diſpatch Princes*, unfit
XXXV. weapons for *Chriſtians*, but fit for *Jeſuits* and *Murtherers*. He had attempted to kill *Hugh Hare* in his *Chamber*, (in whoſe debt he was) and by that ſo much the fitter to imbrue his hands in that blood of his *Princeß*.

e Laws nſt Papiſts. In the ſame *Parliament* were *more Laws* made againſt *Jeſuits* and *Prieſts*, (for the preſervation of the *Queens perſon*) who ſtill purſued the *Bull* of *Pius Quintus*, *viz.* That they ſhould depart the *Realm* within 40 daies; that if they returned, they ſhould be *guilty of High Treaſon*; that thoſe brought up *in Seminaries*, if they returned not within *ſix Months* after denuntiation, ſhould be guilty of *High Treaſon*; that *Children ſent to forreign and Popiſh Seminaries ſhould not ſucceed in any Inheritance, &c.*

Notwithſtanding all the means mild or ſevere, the *Queen* could uſe, pardoning and baniſhing ſome, condemning others, yet the ſame implacable and bloody Spirits were ſtill active at home and abroad: All plotting and conſpiring the death of the *Queen*, the *Fugitives* and *Jeſuits* ſuggeſting differing Councels to the *Queen of Scots*, and ſome of them began to forge *a new & feigned* title in the ſucceſſion of the *Kingdom* of *England* for the *Spaniard*. And the *Queen of Scots* her ſelf confeſſing, that a *Prieſt* came unto her, and ſaid, that if ſhe would not intermeddle, ſhe and her Son both ſhould be excluded from the inheritance: But the *Prieſts name ſhe would not tell*, and ſaid moreover, that the *Spaniard* did lay *claim*

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to the *Kingdom of England*, and would not give place to any but to her. And that a *Book* was ſent unto her to avow the *Spaniards title*. In the *Engliſh ſeminary at Rheims*, out of I know not what opinion, of the *Omnipotency* of the *Byſhop of Rome*, ſome were of belief, that the *Bull of Pius Quintus* againſt the *Queen was dictated by the Holy Ghoſt*, perſwaded themſelves, and others ambitious of the glory of *Martyrdom*, that it was *meritorious* to take away the lives of *Princes Excommunicate*; yea, *Martyrdom* to loſe ones life in that cauſe. Theſe things *Gyffard a Dr. in Divinity*, *Gilbert Gyffard*, and *Hogdſon Prieſts* inculcated ſo deeply into *John Savage*, (a Baſtard by report) that he willingly *vowed to kill Queen Elizabeth* and coming into *England* for that purpoſe, he acquainted one *Anthony Babington* therewith, who doubting the ſucceſs hereof, plotted new *Stratagems*, about invading the *Realm* by Forreigners, the *Havens* where they ſhould arrive, the aid that ſhould joyn with them, the delivery of the *Queen of Scots*, and about committing the *Tragical execution of the Queen*, as he termed it: His Aſſociates were *Edward Windſor*, brother to Lord *Windſor*, *Thomas Salisbury*, *Charles Tilney*, one of the *Queens Pentioners*, *Chidiok Tichburn*, *Edward Abington*, and divers others. One *Poll* having inſinuated himſelf into their aſſociation, was thought to have revealed all their Counſels day by day to *Walſingham*. *Gyffard* alſo revealed the conſpiracy to *Walſingham*. The *Queen*, as ſoon as ſhe underſtood that ſo diſmal a ſtorm hung over her head, both at home and abroad,

XXXVI. *Savage, Babington* and o others plotteth.

broad, ſhe commanded them to be apprehended, whereof ſeven of them were arraigned 13. *Sept.* 29. *Eliz.* 1586. confeſſed themſelves guilty, and were *condemned of High Treaſon*: the next day but one other ſeven of the *Conſpirators* were in like ſort *arraigned*, confeſſed themſelves *guilty*, and were *condemned of High Treaſon*, the 20*th* of the ſame month the firſt ſeven were hanged in St. *Giles fields*, their *privities* cut off, bowelled alive --- and quartered. *Ballard* asked *God* forgiveneſs and the *Queen*, if he had ſinned againſt her. *Babington* ingeniouſly acknow-
XXXVII. ledged his *offences*, crying, *Parce mihi Domine Ieſu.* *Barnewel* extenuates his *crime* under colour of *Religion* and *Conſcience*. *Tichburn* with all humility acknowledged his fault, and ſo did *Tilney*. *Abington* caſt forth *threats* and *terrors* of *blood* to be ſpilt ere long in *England*. The next day the other ſeven ſuffered the ſame kind of *death* in the ſame place, *but more favourably by the Queens ſpecial commandment*, who naturally deteſted all kind of *torture* and *cruelty*, for they all hung till they were dead before cut down. *Salisbury* was very penitent *warning the Catholicks not to attempt the reſtauration of Religion by force and Arms*. And ſo did *Dunn*, *Jones* proteſted he had diſſwaded *Salisbury* from the attempt, and condemned *Babington*, *Charnock* and *Travers* gave themſelves to prayer, commending themſelves wholly to *God* and the *Saints*. *Gage* extolling the *Queens* great bounty to his *Father*, deteſted his own *trayterous ingratitude* towards her. *Hierom Bellamy*, with confuſion and ſilence cloſed up the number. Though

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theſe were *Papiſts*, yet it can never be proved by any Logick, that *they died for their Religion*; *but for palpable and horrid Treaſon.* And *Burleigh Lord Treaſurer*, did ſhortly after aſſure the *Queen of Scots* (deſiring the *Catholicks* might not be put to death) that no *good Subject was ever put to death for Religion*, but ſome have been for *Treaſon*; while they maintained the *Popes Bull and Authority againſt the Queen.* And certainly, ſhe in prudence could do no leſs, even in this *Critical* time; than put her ſevereſt Laws in execution; for the ſame year, *viz.* 1586 XXXVIII. ſhe did declare to her *Parliament* then ſitting, that it was not long ſince that ſhe ſaw, and read *an Oath, whereby ſome had bound themſelves to kill her within a Month.* And yet it was a great affliction to her, that ſhe who had pardoned ſo many *Rebels*, winked at ſo many *Treaſons*, or neglected them with ſilence, ſhould yet be forced to further ſeverities; which ſhe could not avoid, for that the ſafety of the *Realm*, and *Parliament* was involved in her.

Stafford Aubeſpin Trapp and Moody conſpire, &c.

The *Queen* could not yet be quiet for them, the year following, *viz.* 30 *Eliz.* 1587. Lord *Aubeſpine* the *French Ambaſſador Leiger* in *England* tampered covertly with *William Stafford* (whoſe Mother was one of the *Queens Bedchamber*) and his brother at that time legier *Ambaſſador* in *France*, for taking away *Queen Elizabeths* life, than he dealt more overtly by *Trappy* his *Secretary*, with one *Moody* then a priſoner, a notable *Hackſter*, which being diſcovered by *Stafford*, *Trappy* was taken ſtealing into *France*, who confeſſed the whole matter: *Moody*

propoſed poyſon or 20 *l.* of *Gunpowder* under her Bed, and to be ſecretly fired. Theſe pleaſed not *Trappy*, who wiſhed rather for another reſolute *Burgundian*, that ſhew the *Prince of Orange*.

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Then followed the *Admirable year*, ſo called and foretold by an *Aſtronomer* of *Konigsberge* 100 *years before*; together with the *Spaniſh Invaſion*, by his *Invincible Armado*, which had been full three years in rigging and prepraring, but was within one *Month* many times aſſayled, and at laſt defeated by the *Engliſh*, and ſo rightly to be called by us the *Admirable year*. *Duce fœmina facti.*

Thus did God do great things by the weaker ſex, and preſerved her ſingle perſon from multitudes of *Trayterous* men, and Nations, *Scotch*, *French*, *Spaniſh*, *&c.*

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The *Spaniard* reſted not here, but the very next year 1589. he renewed his former deſign of infeſting *England* by the way *of Scotland*. In which deſign they eſpecially employed *Robert Bruiſe a Prieſt*, *Chreiſton*, & *Haies Jeſuites*; who eaſily drew to their party the *Earl* of *Huntley*, *Arrol*, *Crawford*, and others, but were quickly defeated by the *King*. In the year 1590 *Brian O Rore* rebelleth in *Ireland*, and in the year 1591. the *Baſphemer Hacket* (who though he worthily deſerved death, for his horrid *Blaſphemies*, yet was indicted *of Treaſon*) confeſſed himſelf guilty and was executed. He was a *Proteſtant* by profeſſion, for the *Geneva Diſcipline*, and propheſied, that from thenceforth there ſhould be *no more Popes*. His *Blaſphemies* I paſs by, his *Treaſons* were, that he endea-

bellion in *land*, *Hac-* executed.

endeavoured to raiſe *Rebellion*, *taught*, that it was *lawful* for a *true Chriſtian*, *though a Country Peaſant*, to *inform Kings* how to *ſway the Scepter*, and to *depoſe the Queen her ſelf*, unleſs ſhe would *advance* a *Reformation*, meaning that of *Geneva*: that he had often given out, *that the Queen had forfeited her title to the Crown*, and had *furiouſly defaced* her *Arms*, and *Picture* drawn in a *Table*, ſtriking his *dagger* through her *breaſt*. And might not he upon as good grounds complain that he *died for Religion* (intending by his *practiſes*, only *a purer Reformation*) as any of the *Popiſh Traitors*, which did act all to reſtore their *Religion*? even as well, and ſo I leave him, and his companions *Arthington* and *Copinger* together. In the year 1593. *Richard Hasket* was condemned & executed *for Treaſon*, who being ſecretly ſent by the *Engliſh Fugitives*, perſwaded *Ferdinand Earl of Darby*, to take upon him the title of the *Crown*, fetching his *Pedigree* from his great *Grandmother Mary*, Daughter (or according to ſome *Margaret Mother*) of *H. the 7th.* making him large promiſes of men and money from the *Spaniard*; but the *Earl* diſcovered him, and ſo this man died as much and as truly for *Religion* as his *Predeceſſors*.

In the year 1594. there was a book ſet forth and dedicated to *Eſſex*, under the counterfeit name of *Doleman a Prieſt*, but was verily believed to be penned by *Cardinal Allen*, Sir *Francis Engleſield*, and *Parſons*, declaring, that *no man but a Roman Catholick*; of what propinquity of blood ſoever he be, is *to be admitted King of England*. And as theſe learned XL.

Fugitives ſtudied by this and other books to advance the *Infanta* of *Spain* to the *Scepter* of *England*; ſo others of their faith and number attempted the ſame by bloudy means, ſending privily certain murderers *to kill the Queen*, and ſome *Spaniards attempted it by poiſon*, and therefore uſed the help of *Roderigo Lopez* a *Jew*, and *Phyſitian* to the *Queens* houſehold, and of *Stephen Ferreira Cama*, and *Emmanuel Loiſie Portugals*, who by means of Letters intercepted, being apprehended, were about the end of *February* arraigned in *Guild-Hall* at *London*, and charged by their own confeſſions to have conſpired to *make away the Queen by poiſon*, they were all condemned, and after three months, hanged at *Tyburn*. And did not *Lopez* forſooth the *Jew*, die in this *Treaſon* as much for his *Religion* as the *Portugals did for theirs*? even all alike.

If the *Papiſts* aſſertion that they die for their *Conſcience* and *Religion*, when they are thus executed for *Treaſon* and *Rebellion* were truth, then no *Kingdom* could ſecure themſelves by good and wholſome *Laws*, from the conſpiracies of *Turks*, *Jews*, *Papiſts*, or of any other ſect whatſoever; but the argument would be as ſtrong for one as the other.

The next day after that theſe were condemned, was *Patrick Cullen* an *Iriſh* man condemned, who had luſty promiſes from the *Fugitives* in the *Low-Countries*, and was privily ſent with money for his charges to *kill the Queen*, which he both confeſſed, and was proved againſt him, and was executed accordingly. *Edmund York* alſo, and *Richard Williams* were

were apprehended, being ſuborned by *Ibara* the *Spaniard*, and thoſe *Fugitives*, *Hugh Owen*, *Thomas Trogmorton*, *Holt the Jeſuite*, *Gyffard* and *Worthington* Profeſſors of Divinity, *&c. to kill the Queen*, as alſo other *Incendiaries* ſent to *fire the Navy* with balls of *wild-fire*, and were in the year 1595 executed at *Tyburn* for *High Treaſon*. For *York* confeſſed, that *Holt* the *Jeſuite*, *Hugh Owen*, *Jacomo de Franciſco* and others, had offered him an Aſſignment of 40000 *Duckets* ſigned with the hand of *Ibara*, if he would *kill the Queen* himſelf, or aſſiſt the ſaid *Richard Williams* in *killing her*: that this Aſſignment remained *in depoſito in Holts hands*, that *Holt kiſſing the HolyGhoſt*, *ſware* that the money ſhould be paid, as ſoon as the murther was committed, and that he bound *York* and *Williams* by an Oath and the Sacrament of the *Euchariſt*. Thus the *Engliſh Fugitives*, as well *Prieſts* as other lewd perſons, according to that *Antichriſtian* and *helliſh maxim* of theirs, that *Princes excommunicate by Popiſh Authority are to be rooted out*: and the *Spaniſh* Miniſters mad to ſet the *Crown* of *England* on their Maſters head, and out of hatred to the *Queen*, who had ruined their *Invincible Armado*, and out of fear ſhe ſhould alſo ruine that other and ſtronger now preparing for the conqueſt of *England* again, for that alſo ſhe had in the *Nether-Lands* otherwiſe *curbed him*, did with more fierceneſs and implacability than ever, apply themſelves to the utter deſtruction of the *Queen* and the *Realm*. But ſhe was well preſerved, becauſe ſignally preſerved by *God*, whoſe Providence was moſt eminently ſeen, as

in many others, ſo in this, that whilſt ſome of theſe wicked *Caitifs* excited ſome to Aſſaſſinate and murder her by blood, and poyſons, others of them for gain revealed the ſame, others of them being treacherous among themſelves, precipitated others of themſelves into deſtruction, intrapping and charging one another, ſo the juſt *God* found them out, *and in the ſnares which they had laid for the Queen and Realm were catched themſelves.*

XLII. So *Edward Squire*, *Anno* 1598. being ſeduced by *Walpool an Engliſh Jeſuite* (whilſt he was in the inquiſition) to the *Romiſh Religion*, and by him procured to *poyſon the Queen*, and the *Earl of Eſſex*, who giving him the *poyſon* wherewith he annointed the *Queens pomel of her Saddle*, and the *Earl of Eſſex his Chair* (but it took no effect) which *Walpool* finding, and therefore ſuſpecting *Squire* had deluded him, brake his vows, and *though he was his Confeſſor* yet betrayed him, and ſo was executed ſhortly after. *Walpool*, or ſome for him, printed a Book, wherein he denied all which *Squire* had confeſſed.

Thus I have ſummarily particularized moſt of the *Popiſh perſons* that ſuffered in *Queen Elizabeth*'s daies, ſhewing their *Treaſons in fact for which they were executed*, and *the Statutes on which they were indicted*; and thoſe others that are not herein named, were either *Aſſociates* with ſome or other of thoſe that are named, and ſo alike guilty; or elſe were arraigned on ſome one or other of the *Statutes*, that made their *Facts* alſo *Treaſon*, and ſo were not without their *Boy* to forewarn them that they ſhould not be ſplitted.

And

And thus did God in his wonderful providence ſuffer the Sword of *Rome* to be ſheathed in the bowels of *Roman Vaſſals*, whilſt he mightily protected the *Queen* whilſt ſhe fought his Battels againſt the *Biſhop of Rome* and all his Complices and Confederates. All which conſidered, it is clearly evident to all unbiaſſed perſons, that the proceedings againſt the *Papiſts* in *Q. Elizabeth*'s daies were not violent, but moderate; nay, *abſolutely neceſſary, unleſs ſhe ſhould by a ſupine Indulgence have contributed to the Ruine of her Crown and Dignity, and of that pure Doctrine and Religion whereof God had made her (though a Virgin) a Nurſing Mother, and a ſtout and undaunted Defender.*

By the premiſſes it doth alſo appear, that her proceedings againſt them were generally ſteered by *Two Principles:* 1. *That Conſciences are not to be forced, but to be won by ſolid Reaſons, good Inſtructions, and Perſwaſions.* 2. *That ſcruples of Conſcience, when they become excentrick*, (by exceeding their bounds, and tend towards faction, and adminiſter occaſion of diſſention and diſturbance in Church or State) *they then loſe their proper nature, Priviledge and Prerogative:* And then Soveraign Princes ought diſtinctly to puniſh the practice or contempt, though coloured with pretences of Conſcience or Religion.

According unto theſe and ſuch like Principles, her Majeſty diſliking tyrannizing over conſciences with Rigour *A la mode de bon Pape* (who according to the French Proverb *eſt un meſchant Homme*) although *ſhe ſuffered but the exerciſe of one Religion*; well knowing;

knowing, *That to tollerate two Religions by publick Authority in her Kingdom* (the People whereof were fierce and warlike, and apt to fall from diſſention of mind to ſiding and blows) *was not only irreligious but unſafe, and would indanger the peace and welfare thereof*; and therefore would not eſtabliſh ſo great an impiety *by a Law*, yet did ſhe connive at the Papiſts with great lenity, and would not revive (as ſhe juſtly might have done) the Laws made the 28. & 35. of her Father, nor yet preſs the taking of the *Oath of Supremacy* (the bare refuſal whereof without farther circumſtance was made *Treaſon*) but on the contrary, tempered her Law ſo graciouſly, that the harſh appellation of *Supream Head* (ſo unpleaſant to *Romiſh* ears, though given and *aſcribed to her Father by Romiſh Biſhops* and ſubmitted unto by them all her Fathers Reign) was turned into *Supream Governor*, and the penalty of Treaſon for the refuſal thereof turned only into a diſablement to take any promotion, or to exerciſe any charge; and that alſo with a liberty of being reinveſted during life, when ever they would take it; nay, ſhe checkt the greedineſs of her Officers of the *Exchequer* for detaining the Penſions of Religious men turned out of *Abbies*, and commanded that they ſhould be paid to the uttermoſt farthing.

Notwithſtanding this her gracious Indulgence & Clemency for many years together towards factious Papiſts (never to be obliged by any Sacrifice leſs than that of ſouls of Nations to the Pope's Tribunal) yet did *Pius Quittus* (as hath been intimated) *Excommunicate*

municate her Majeſty, by a *Bull* hung up at *the Biſhop of Londons Palace*, whereby ſhe was in a ſort proſcribed, her *Subjects* under pain of *Damnation* commanded from their obedience to her; and that thereupon followed the *Rebellion in the North*: yet did not this provoke her neither beyond the making of a Law againſt that ſpecial caſe of bringing in or *publiſhing of Bulls*, and the like Inſtruments, and another prohibition, but not on pain of *Treaſon* againſt the bringing in of *Agnus Dei's*, *Hallowed beads*, and other ſuch *Romiſh traſh and trumpery*, well known not to be any *eſſential part* of the *Roman Religion*. In other points her *Majeſty* continued her former lenity and connivence.

For until about the 20. year of her Reign, or longer, they had their ſervice of God, in their private Houſes; in a manner without puniſhment, although it were prohibited by a Law, under a penalty. And indeed many of their Tribe did frequent our *Churches* until the *Pope* made it a *Signum diſtinctivum*, by decreeing (*that to come to Church before reconcilement was to live in Schiſm; but to come to Church after Reconcilement, was abſolutely hereticaland damnable.*

But about the 27. year of her Reign, or ſomewhat before; when ſhe had diſcovered the *proud and vaſt deſign* of the *Spaniard* (not without other confederates) to *Invade her Dominion*, and *Aſſaſinate her perſon*, both by Naval preparations, and by ſending *Prieſts*, *Engliſh* fugitives out of the ſeminaries, who ſhould by vow taken at ſhirft reconcile her *Subjects* from her *Obedience*, and to adhere to the *Forreigner*

at his *landing*, yea and *kind* many of them to attempt againſt her *Majeſties* ſacred *perſon*, whereby many that were before *Papiſts in Cuſtom*, were now become *Papiſts in treaſonable faction and conſpiracies*; the truth of which being witneſſed by the confeſſions of many extorted new *Laws*, for the puniſhment of ſuch as ſhould ſubmit themſelves to *Reconcilements*, or *Renuntiations* of *Obedience*. For this manner of *Reconcilement* in confeſſion, is of the ſame nature and operation that the *Bull* it ſelf was of, with this only difference, *that the Bull diſcharged the ſubjects of their obedience, at once and openly, and Shrift did it one by one*, and conſequently more ſecretly and more inſinuatively into the *Conſcience*, being joined with no leſs matter than abſolution from *mortal ſin*.

And becauſe this kind of *Treaſon* walked like *Faux* his *dark lanthorn* altogether in darkneſs and obſcurity, therefore there were added new *Laws* againſt *Recuſants* containing a *pecuniary mulct*, not ſo much to enforce *Conſciences* really and truly ſcrupulous, as to prevent thoſe that were indifferent and ambiguous, whether they were reconciled or not. And alſo another *Law* whereby the *ſeditious Prieſts* of the new *ſtamp* and *edition* (ſpawned from the new erected *Seminaries* abroad) were exiled. And thoſe that were at that time within the *Realm* were ſhipped over, and ſo commanded to keep hence on pain of *Treaſon*.

Notwithſtanding all theſe *ſevere Acts*, her *Majeſties favour* and *grace* was eminent not only towards ſuch of them as ſhe was perſwaded were *conſci-*

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entions, not factions; but alſo towards *delinquents* in the higheſt degree, even when convicted by *Law*, if they would avow (that in caſe this *Realm* ſhould be *invaded* by a *Forreign Army*, by *Papiſts*, or by the *Popes* Authority for the *Catholick cauſe*, (as they term it) they would take part with her *Majeſty*, and not adhere to her Enemies.)

Before that year there never was any capital or ſevere puniſhment inflicted upon any of her *Subjects* as they had relation to the *Romiſh Religion* by the *Laws formerly made.*

It is moſt apparent, that this ſtrange and unparalled conſtitution of affairs did naturally ſuggeſt unto the wiſdom of her *Majeſty*, that it was high time to provide for the *ſafety* of her *Perſon*, *Nation*, and *Religion* by more *ſevere Laws*, and to put the *ſevereſt* in *execution*, and that (her long continued *gracious idulgence* having had no better *ſucceſs* not produced any better *effects*) it was not ſafe to continue it towards them any longer.

Of all which though ſhe was not *ignorant*, and though ſhe wanted not the *inſtigation* of ſome zealous *Miniſters of Juſtice*, which never thought their *Country* ſafe unleſs the *Laws* were rigorouſly *executed*: yet the *Queen* as a manifeſt badge of her *Innate Royall Debonnaire* nature, did ſo blunt the edge of her *Laws*, with her *ſweetneſs* and *clemency*, that *but a very few Prieſts, in reſpect of the number that had merited death, did ſuffer it.*

Theſe few of many footſteps of the *Queens* progreſs in her *fortifications* againſt *Popiſh Uſurpati-*

ons, I have thus ſlightly hinted and epitomized, not by way of *Defence*, (for it needs it not) but in ſome meaſure *to ſhew the method, Provocations and gradations* according to which ſhe *proceeded* and *ſteered*, and by which ſhe was highly and full ſore againſt her will and *Royal inclinations forced* to do as ſhe did, for that neither her *Perſon, Kingdoms* nor *Religion* could otherwiſe have been ſafe without that *vigilancy*, (both at home and abroad) *Courage* and *Prudence* that ſhe uſed. Neither were theſe her *Proceedings* in the leaſt manner of kin to thoſe bloudy and unchriſtianlike *Maſſacres* in the *Catholick Countries*, which proceeded meerly from *Rancour* and *Pride*, and not from any neceſſity of *State*, as here they did moſt demonſtratively.

Look back and view with ſhame enough, how many *Rebellions* your fellows have made within theſe laſt 600 years. How many *Princes they have diſplaced, poyſoned, and murdered*, the *Spaniſh Inquiſition*, your *French and Piemont maſſacres*, old and new, to which, add *thoſe in Ireland*, in all which you murdered men, women, and children, by 1000 and 10000, againſt the very grounds of all *equity, piety, charity* and *humanity*, without *convicting, accuſing*, or ſo much as calling them before any *Judge* to hear what was miſliked in them, are able to make ſober and good men at their wits end, and to make them juſtly doubt, ſince ye refuſe the courſe of all *Divine* and *Humane Laws* with them, whether by the *Law* of *nature* they might not have defended themſelves againſt ſuch barbarous *blood-ſuckers*, yet if the

Laws

Laws of the *Land* wherein they live do not permit them to guard and defend their lives when they are assaulted with unjust force against *Law*, or if they take *Arms* as you do, to *depose Princes*, we will not quit them of *Rebellion*; your *lives were not hunted after for Religion, as theirs were*; Nothing was attempted against you without due course and tryal of *Law*, to which you were bound, and yet no more bound than all the rest of her *Highness Subjects*: Towards them in *Queen Maries* daies, no *Law* was *observed*, no *sanguinary Law transgressed*, and yet fire and faggot flamed, as if from the nethermost *Hell*: No punishment was laid on any of you, but by the full consent of *King, Lords and Commons*, and that openly *decreed in Parliament*, according to the *Gospel* rule, *No Law, no transgression*; and therefore they openly, and publickly gave you sufficent warning and caution, that you might have avoided the dangers, and penalties, which otherwise you might unwittingly have incurred. The *Friers presume* to put all to death that stand in their way, *upon their sole Authority*, that have nought to do with other mens *Subjects*. We thank *God*, not you, that the *Commotions* we had in *Queen Eliz. daies*, & since raised & fomented by you, took not effect according to your *designs*, you did your best for *successive generations together*, to procure *Invasions* from abroad, & to promote & cherish *Rebellions* & *Treasons* at home, so that the *Queen* was scarce quiet all her daies from troubles raised by you, seeking to continue the same by soliciting *Forreign Powers* to *invade the Land*, by dispo- XLIV.

fing the hearts of all the *Catholicks* within her Dominions to wait for that day; by maintaining and *avowing the Popes wicked claim to depose Princes* for a *point of Christian Faith*, by *Canonizing the Northern Rebels* in your open Writings *for Martyrs*, by resolving, directing, and encouraging sundry desperate Popish persons, that with violent hands sought to attempt your Soveraign's life: *These be the things for which they died, and in which there is not one grain of true Religion or obedience, towards God, or the Sovereign Prince.* The penalties even of Laws not sanguinary laid on you, your Books did every where amplifie with sharpest expressions, as if it were Tyranny to touch the hems of your Garments, notwithstanding you even then thought to *pull the Imperial Crown from the Princes head,* and taught others so to do; and yet such is your conscience, that you impose on others *Fire and Sword*, never thinking them hot and sharp enough. And tasting of no quicker or smarter Discipline here for divers years together, than the loss of two shillings the week, or some restraint of Liberty, you yet cried out of it as the greatest Persecution and Tribulation that ever was since the *Goths* and *Vandals* times. We speak of things that are in the eies and ears of all men.

XLV.

What punishment did the *Laws* of this *Realm* the first 20 years of her *Majesties Reign* inflict on any *Recusant* for *Religion?* but either *Imprisonment*, or *Amercement*, which was as easie as you could wish, till within six or seven years after, *viz.* 25. *Eliz.* by the facility of the *Laws* (which you despised) your

Attempts

Attempts grew ſo dangerous, that the *Princeſs* was forced by your *deſperate* and *traiterous Attempts*, to *temper her Laws with more ſeverity*. You muſt therefore *thank your ſelves*, if the later *ſeveribies* did amount to *ſanguinary*. Till you gave the onſlaught to put the *Bull* in *execution*, which deprived her *Highneſs* of the *Crown*, you were uſed with as much mercy and clemency as was poſſible for a *Chriſtian Prince* to afford *Idolatrous and rebellious Subjects*. Whatſoever hath ſince fallen out muſt be imputed not to her *Majeſties* inclinations, whereof you had ſo good proof for *twenty years*, but to your wicked and undutiful affections, and your deſtructive *King-killing* tenents. Having made it an open point of the *Roman Faith* (which no *Catholick* as you teach muſt deny though the affirming of it ſhould coſt him his life) that *if the Pope ſay the word, none of you Catholicks within this Realm were to obey or account her Majeſty Queen of England*. And becauſe you would be ſure to rivet this perſwaſion into the hearts of the *Adherents*, you delivered it to them as *a part of their Faith*, which they ought to avouch and much more execute, notwithſtanding any danger of death, that may be offered. And this you taught in the caſes of *Conſcience* (*Caſus conſcientiæ qui hodie in Anglia occurrunt ſacerdotibus eo miſſis, Artic.* 55.) wherewith the *Jeſuites* were furniſhed that came into *England* in *Queen Eliz.* time. *There to the* 55. *Artic. When ye be asked, whether, notwithſtanding the* Bull *of* Pius Quintus *that was given out, or any* Bull *that the* Biſhop of Rome *can hereafter give out, all* XLVI.

Catholicks

Catholicks be bound to yield Obedience, Faith, and Loyalty to Q. Elizabeth, as to their lawfull Prince and Sovereign, you make this Resolution: Qui hoc modo interrogat illud quærit. An id potuerit. S. Pontifex facere? cui quæstioni quid debeat Catholicus respondere clarius est quam ut a me hic explicetur, si rogatur ergo Catholicus, credis Romanum Pontificem Elizabetham potuisse exauthorare? Respondebit non obstante quovis mortis metu. Credo, quæstio enim hæc ad fidem spectat, & exigit confessionem Fidei. He that demandeth this question, asketh in effect, whether the Pope might do it or not? to which demand, *What a Catholick ought to answer*, is
XLVIII. plainer than I need here to explicate: If rherefore a *Catholick be* asked, *Do you believe the Bishop of Rome may deprive Q. Elizabeth of her Crown?* he must answer, not regarding any danger of death: *I believe he may; for, this question is a point of Faith, and requireth the Confession of our Faith.*

Why then are you angry that *Jesuits* should be accounted *Traytors*, seeing you make *Treason* a point of *Faith* and *Religion*? And how just cause had the Queen to banish you her Land, or to forbid your coming in, or your stay here under pain of death? when you did with such cunning and rancour of heart inveigle her Subjects to rebel against her? was it any more than the *State of Venice* (men of your own Religion) did? or any more than the *French King* did? It was never objected to them that you were banished, or died for your Religion there, and why do you object it to us here that you die for your Religion?

ligion? when the very truth is, you die for your Rebellions and Treaſons, and not for your Religion: Till this Poſition be recanted by the *Jeſuits*, a *Traytor* and a *Jeſuite* cannot be ſeparated by any right reaſon in the world. You require all *Catholicks* to put that boldly into their *Creed*, which the *Pope* himſelf for 1000 years was aſhamed to profeſs; and no marvel, for that you now teach that for *Religion*, which the Word of God rejecteth for *Rebellion*; You embrace that for *Piety*, which the *Church of Chriſt* abhorreth as *Iniquity*: Some *Jeſuits* and *Prieſts* may be of leſs turbulent Spirits than others, as men; but *as Prieſts, they are all Rebels*, or *Traytors*, if they will be true to their *Prieſthood* and the *Oath of Obedience*, which they have taken to the *Pope* and *Superiors*; for, by the Rules of their Societie, they muſt obey the will of their *Superior* (the *Pope*'s Agent amongſt them) no otherwiſe than they would the *voice of Chriſt from Heaven*: So *Campian* in his ſecond Article confeſſeth, and *Philip Howard* Earl of *Arundel* (reconciled to the *Church of Rome* more out of ſtomack than conſcience, as was generally believed) in Q. *Eliz.* time openly confeſſed in the *Star-Chamber* when *Valonger*'s Cauſe about a libel was handled, that he that is *throughly Popiſh*, the ſame man cannot but be a *Traytor*. He was afterwards condemned in the 32. Year of her Reign for his *Popiſh Treaſons*.

The carrying theſe ill Principles in your hearts, and the reconciling of others within the Realm, that they might be readie to receive the like impreſſions at your mouths when time ſhould ſerve, were the very

cauſes why ſome of your Fellows taſted of her Majeſties juſt and provoked indignation. And if it were tyranny in the *Prince* to put them to death, that did lay plots to take away *her Crown* and *her life*, and
XLVIII. to write Books to avouch it lawful for themſelves and all others ſo to do, when the *Pope ſaith the word*, then her Highneſs did you ſome wrong. But if by Divine and Humane Records it be damnable in the Subject to attempt or abet any ſuch thing, and moſt laudable in the *Prince* to revenge the *Conſenter* and *Encourager* as well as the *Doer*, *then for Religion hath none of your ſide been executed in England*, (though many of ours were in Q. *Maries* daies, for worſhipping the *God of their Fathers*, after the way which you are pleaſed to call *Hereſie*, for ſome colour of juſtification) as is ſhameleſly laid to our charge, only ſome were executed for affirming, publiſhing, and furthering the Pope's *Antichriſtian power* to rule *Realms*, and deprive *Princes*, which you call *Religion*; becauſe you would plant it in the peoples hearts with leſs labour and more liking, though indeed it be peſtilent pride in him, and a plain contempt of *God* and the *Prince* in you that ſhould obey.

To ſay, that we are Judges in our own cauſe is no juſt objection, are not You ſo? Was not the *State* of *Venice* ſo in the like cauſe? Was not the King of *France* ſo? Nay, are not all Nations, Chriſtian and other, Judges of their own ſafetie? Have they not all *Independent power* to make what Laws they pleaſe, *ſanguinary* or other, for their own ſafetie?

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If they ſhould make a *Law* that all Dr. *Lopez*'s men of the ſame profeſſion, having the ſame principles ſhould be baniſhed on pain of death, if they die for breach thereof, do they die for their *Profeſſion*, or for their *Treaſon*? no doubt for their *Treaſon*. When our late *Regicides* dyed, dyed they I pray, becauſe *Proteſtants*, or becauſe *horrid Rebels* and *Traitors*? for *Rebellion* no doubt, not *Religion*, though happily they might have as ſtrong perſwaſions of *Conſcience* for what they did, as you could have. I am ſure their *Arguments* are as many, and moſtly taken out of your own *forges*, and their *pretences* by *inward* and *outward light* as many, and as great as yours: and their ſucceſs as numerous for many years together, animating them to the *Gibbet*. This or that *Religion* excuſeth no man, *Rebellion* by *Law* Divine *is as the ſin of Witchcraft*, be it in *Papiſt*, or *Proteſtant*, and requires a *Capital Law*, *Lege Talionis*. *He that ſheddeth blood, by man ſhall his blood be ſhed, for blood it defileth the Land, and the Land cannot be cleanſed of the blood that is ſhed therein, but by the blood of him that ſhed it*, 35. *Numb.* 30. 33. XLIX.

Whoever conſiders the ſleight *account* you make of the *Oath of Allegiance*, will think it high time and right reaſon to provide more than ordinarily well for our ſafety, by the *ſtricteſt Laws*, the multitude of *Councellors* can deviſe; and yet all will be to little purpoſe according to your doctrine, and Principles: *Vide in tanta aſtutia quanta ſit ſimplicitas. Juramentum tot circumſtantiis connexuiſſe exiſtimabat ut ſalva conſcientia nulla ratione a quoquam diſſolvi poſſit.*

poſſit. Sed vider e non potuit ſi Pontifex Juramentum diſſolverit; omnes ejus nexus ſive de fidelitate Regi præſtandi, ſive de diſpenſatione pariter non admittenda pariter diſſolutos fore: imo aliud dicam admirabilius juramentum ſi injuſtum aperte declaretur neminem obligat, ſed ipſo facto nullum eſt. Regis vero injuſtum eſſe, &c. Vides igitur jam in fumum abiiſſe illius obligationem, & vinculum quod a ſapientibus ferreum putabatur minus ſit quam ſtramineum Pas in reſp. ad Epiſ. monſt. Jacobi Regis. The plain Engliſh whereof in ſhort is, *That if the Pope do declare this Oath unjuſt or null, it is according to your dialect and doctrine, void,* ipſo facto *and oblidgeth no man.* And that it is ſo declared already, the two *Breves* of *Pope Pius the 5th.* dated in *Oct.* 1606 and in *Sept.* 1607. do put it out of all diſpute, which *two Breves* are moſt excellently canvaſſed by *King James*, of ever bleſſed memory, as alſo the *Independent right of Kings* againſt the uſurped power of the *Pope.*

L.

It hath been objected that *John Slade* and *John Body*, two famous *Confeſſors* in your eſteem, were condemned to death 1583. in publick *Judgment*, for confeſſing their *Faith* of the *Popes Spiritual Sovereignty*, and for denying the *Queen to be the head of the Church of England*, and to have any ſpiritual Regiment, and that *twice at two divers Seſſions.* It is true their *Judgment* was twice given (a thing very unuſual, yet granted in ſpecial favour to them, by her royal *clemency*, ſo indulgent was ſhe, and loath they ſhould die if they would have recanted) for that they complained that they were drawn before they were aware,

aware, and againſt their wills to utter ſpeeches againſt the *Princeſs*'s Sword, for which they were condemned. And therefore they were warned by the *Judge*, to take good heed and look well about them before they *raſhly* offered themſelves to the *danger* of the *Law*. And that if they did *openly* and *peremptorily* avow again, that *the Pope was ſupream head of the Church of England, and conſequently the Queen had no right to make Laws*, as ſhe had done, but was ſubject to the *Popes Decrees*, and *Cenſures*, which is the main ground of all *your Rebellion*, and his *preſumption*; who beſides you (that are linked in the ſame cauſe with them) will ſay they died for *Religion*, and not rather for their *wilful charging the Princeſs with uſurpation?* And *yielding the Pope that Dominion* LI. *which he claimeth over Kingdoms, and you would fain eſtabliſh with untrue ſurmizes.* Beſides, you cannot be ignorant how H. 8. *often put to death as Traytors the Religious men, for their ſtifneſs then in maintaining the Popes power*, and was it *Treaſon* then, and is it not ſo now? It was objected by the ſaid *Body* at *Andover*, that he was put to death for denying her *Majeſty* to be *ſupream head of Chriſts Church in England, in cauſes Eccleſiaſtical.* If he might be his own witneſs and *Judge*, and all might go for *Goſpel* that he ſaid, or you in favour of him, then ye might might conclude what you pleaſed. But no man is compelled by the Laws of this *Realm* to confeſs any ſuch *title in the Prince*, and much leſs puniſhable by *death* for denying it; and therefore the *Martyr* was a *Lyar* at the hour of his death, and either of malice in-

verted, or of ignorance miſtook the cauſe for which he died. The truth is, they were condemned on the *Statute of Eliz. for maintaining and defending the Juriſdiction and power of the Biſhop of Rome, heretofore claimed and uſurped in this Realm.* Which general includeth all the erroneous and traiterous Aſſertions of the *Popes* power, tending no way to *Religion*, but only ſavouring of the *Popes pride*, to *be Ruler and diſplacer of Princes.* Though you pleaſe to take that for *Spiritual* which is *Temporal*, & call that *Religion* which in truth is *Sedition* & *Treaſon*, yet the multiplying and *wreſting of words* and changing of names, doth not make your claim to be righteous, or the *Laws* of this *Land* to be *Tyrannous*, you muſt firſt ſhew that *power*, *Juriſdiction* and *Authority* which
LII. your *Holy Father* hath heretofore claimed and uſed in this *Kingdom*, to be conſonant to the *Laws* of *God*, and *Church* of *Chriſt* for 1000 years, before we ſhall yield your friends and familiars died for *Religion.*

The Title and Claim that you make thereunto *by vertue of the Keys, and the Supremacy of his Holineſs*, as being Spiritual things, will not do your buſineſs. For, if you draw *Princes Crowns* and *Swords* within the limits of *Peters Keys*, you *leave Religion*, and *hatch Rebellion* : *Princes* may defend that which is their own, againſt the *Pope's unjuſt Claim, and unlawfull force*; the *Prince* did not ſtrive with the *Pope*, neither for the Dignitie which he taketh above all *Biſhops*, nor for the power whereby he ſeeketh to bind and looſe ſins in Heaven (though therein alſo

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he doth the *Church* of *Christ* great wrong, and oppresseth his Brethren) but only for her right to punish, and command within her own Realm, Ecclesiastical Causes and Crimes as well as Temporal, and for the wrong which her Majestie received when she was *deprived of her Crown by that Usurper*, who had no warrant from Christ to disquiet her Estate, and dispose of her Crown. These were the points comprised in her Highness's Laws, and stand in full force to this day. Against these if your rash and ill advised Brethren, would run headlong to their own perdition, against the established and known Law of the Land (and of which they neither were nor could be ignorant) and when they were admonished by the Magistrate to have better regard to their words and expressions, and having once before received the sentence of *Condemnation* for the like expressions, they had the just reward of their unfaithful and disloyal hearts. And the Assertion is true, that these two ignorant yet obstinate persons, with some others that came not to any particular mention of the *Pope's Bull* against the *Prince*, but generally stood in defence of that Power to be good and lawful from whence the *Bull* proceeded, died in the same quarrel with the rest, that purposely promoted, defended, and assisted the *Bull*, and *so can be no witness of Christs truth, and glory, which would needs cast away their lives for the Popes pride and Tyranny.* LIII.

What punishment the *Prince* will appoint for such offences as be committed against him, neither you nor I have to do withal, we may do better to learn obe-

obedience, than ſawcily to check the *Magiſtrate* for allotting ſuch penalties as we do not like. Yet this I will ſay, there is no *Conſpiracy* ſo pernicious and dangerous to the *State*, as that which is ſecretly ſtoln into the heart, upon a ſenſe of Devotion, and outwardly covered with a ſhew of Religion. If therefore the *Prince* ſeverely revenge both your *Pretences* in *Opinion* and *Practiſes* in execution, *abſurdly grounded on Peter's Keys*, and wickedly derived thence for your removing of her *Crown*, defacing of her *Perſon*, and diminiſhing of her *Right*, that *rigor may well be defended, as coming from juſt and lawfull Authority, not without ſufficient and evident neceſſity.* Neither can you bring ought againſt it, *but only that you profeſs it as a point of the Catholick Religion*, not of any ſiniſter or direct intention to hurt her *Majeſty*, or any other *Chriſtian Prince*, which is moſt frivolous and falſe: For the *Pope's* Authoritie, Juriſdiction, and Power, claimed by him and uſurped within this *Realm*, and ſince maintained, extolled, and defended by his *Janizaries*, and ſuch of his *Adherents* as have
LIV. ſuffered death, to preſcribe Laws as he liſt, to command *Princes* and interdict their *Realms*; yea, to deprive them of their *Crowns*, abſolve their *Subjects*, licenſe *Rebellions*, and diſpence with the murthering of *Hereticks* (as you call them) even of *Princes* themſelves. This *Authority*, *Juriſdiction* and *Power we deny to be any Doctrine of Chriſtian Religion*, or to be ſo much as once ſpoken or thought of: I ſay, not by the *Scriptures* (which *put no difference between the Pope and another Biſhop*) but by any *Father*, or *Councill*,

Councill, for 1000 years in the *Church of God*. It was the meer device and drift of *Antichriſt* to make himſelf mightie, when it was firſt attempted by *Hildebrand*, and it is now mantled by his *Janizaries* with *the name of Religion*, becauſe they would poiſon the people the ſooner with that perſwaſion, and would have ſomewhat to ſay for themſelves when they be charged with *Rebellion* and *Diſobedience* towards the *Temporal Magiſtrate*.

As for *Supream Head*, which ſo much diſguſts you, becauſe it infringeth the Power of the Pope, who monopolizeth it to himſelf, and extends it further, and makes worſe uſe of it than *Temporal Princes* do. It is certain, that that Title was *firſt transferred* from the *Pope* to *H.* 8. by the *Biſhops* of your own ſide, not of ours. And though the *Paſtors* in *Edw. 6.* time might not well diſlike, much leſs diſſwade the ſtiles of the *Crown*, by reaſon the *King* was under age till he died, yet as ſoon as it pleaſed *God* to ſettle *Q. Eliz.* in her *Fathers Throne*; the *Nobles* and *Preachers* perceiving the word *Head of the Church* (which is *Chriſts* proper and peculiar honour) to be offenſive to many, that had vehemently refelled the ſame in the *Pope*, beſought her *Highneſs* the meaning of that word her *Father* had uſed, might be expreſſed in ſome apter and plainer terms, and ſo ſhe was called *Supream Governor* of her Realm, *i. e. Ruler* and *Bearer* of the Sword, with lawful Authority to command and puniſh, anſwerable to the *Word of God* in all *Spiritual* and *Eccleſiaſtical* things, and cauſes as well as in temporal. And no forreign Prince

LV. or Prelate to have any *Juriſdiction*, *Superiority*, or *Authority* to eſtabliſh, prohibit, correct and chaſtiſe with publick *Laws*, or temporal *Pains* any Crimes or cauſes *Eccleſiaſtical*, or *Spiritual* within her *Realm*. It was ſcandalouſly given out that *H.* 8. did ſacrilegiouſly and blaſphemouſly profeſs himſelf *Supream Judge of Doctrine*, and *Diſcipline*, which made *Calvin*, *Luther*, and they of *Magdeburge* diſlike it. And indeed it is the blaſphemy that all good hearts reject and abominate in the *Biſhop of Rome*. But for ought that ever I could learn *H.* 8. did never aſſume any ſuch thing upon him. But it was *Gardiners ſtratagem* to convey the reproach, and the ſhame of *the ſix Articles* from himſelf and his fellows that were *Authors* of them, and to caſt it on the *Kings Supream Power Anno.* 1540. which were *ſanguinary indeed, and to the purpoſe, but on your account, not ours; by your procurement, not ours.* The like was objected againſt the *Queen*. But we ſay that neither ſhe, nor her *Succeſſors*, *Kings* of this *Realm*, by this title did or do challenge, or do we by our *Oath* give them power to debate, decide, and determine any point of *Faith*, or matter of *Religion*, *much leſs to be ſupream Judge of all Doctrine and Diſcipline*. But if in this *Realm*, you *or any other of different perſwaſion*, will have aſſiſtance of the *Magiſtrates Sword* to ſettle the *truth*, or prohibit *error*, and by wholſome puniſhments prevent the diſorder of all degrees, and to erect *Churches* or publick places of worſhip, and eſtabliſh a maintenance for a *Goſpel Miniſtery*, and *Religion* by a *Law*, that *Authority lyeth*

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in neither Pope nor Prelate, but only in the civil Magiſtrate. And therefore in her *Dominions* you could neither eſtabliſh *Doctrine* nor *Diſcipline*, nor yet a maintenance by *publick Laws* without her conſent and approbation. This neither *Calvin*, nor the *Compilers of the Centuries*, nor any other of ſound *Religion*, ever did, or juſtly can miſlike. Only *Jeſuites and their Adherents*, would fain reſerve this *power* to the *Pope* in all *Chriſtian Realms*, becauſe they are ſure he will allow and ſuffer no *Religion* but his own, and ſo long their profeſſion ſhall not miſcarry. I ſhall LVI. draw towards a concluſion with the words and ſenſe of that great *Defender of the Faith*, againſt the *Pope* and his *Cardinals*, *King James* and of the *Papiſts* themſelves. The *King* in his *Præmonition to all Chriſtian Monarchs, &c.* affirms, that as for the cauſe of their puniſhment, I do conſtantly maintain that which I have ſaid in my *Apology*: *That no man either in my time, or in the late* Queens *ever died here for his Conſcience. For let him be never ſo devout a* Papiſt, *nay though he profeſs the ſame never ſo conſtantly, his life is no dangrr by the Law, if he break not into ſome outward act expreſly againſt the words of the Law, or plot not ſome unlawful, or dangerous practiſe or attempt*, Prieſts and Popiſh Church-men only excepted *that receive* orders beyond the Seas, *who for the manifold treaſonable practiſes that they have kindled and plotted in this Country, are diſcharged to come home again under* pain of Treaſon, *after the receiving the ſaid Orders abroad, and yet* without ſome other guilt in them, *than their bare home-coming*, have

none of them been ever put to death. *Indeed in Queen* Maries *time, no ſorts of cruel deaths were ſpared unexecuted upon men, women, and children profeſſing our Religion, yea againſt the Laws of God and nature; Women with child were put to cruel death for their profeſſion, and a living child falling out of the mothers belly, was thrown into the ſame fire again that conſumed the Mother. But theſe tyrannous perſecutions* were done by the Biſhops of that time, under the warrant of the Popes Authority, and not by our Laws and Cuſtoms. *One thing is alſo to be marked in this caſe,* that ſtrangers are never called in queſtion here for their Religion, *which is far otherwiſe I hope in any place, where the Inquiſition Domines, fol.* 336. When the *Queen of Scots* complained to the Commiſſioners, that *Catholicks* were executed for their *Religion*, and proteſted that ſhe had rather moſt gladly ſpend her own life, than for her ſake the *Catholicks* ſhould be ſo afflicted and drawn to cruel death, *The Lord Treaſurer Burley* did knowingly aſſure her, that no man which had ſhewed himſelf a good *Subject* was ever put to death for *Religion*, but ſome had been for *Treaſon*, while they maintained the *Popes Bull* and *Authority* againſt the *Queen*, the *Queen* replied ſhe had heard and read otherwiſe, and the *Lord Treaſurer* replied, that the ſame *Authors* do write that the *Queen* had forfeited her *Royal dignity.*

LVII. Now take the Judgment of the ſecular *Prieſts* themſelves (men of your own *Profeſſion*) as to the merciful dealing of *her Highneſs*, towards all of the

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Roman Faith and *Profession*, until provoked by their multiplied and horrid *Rebellions*. In the year 1602. being the 44*th* year of her Reign, the *Jesuites* and the *secular Priests* fell foul one upon another, with bitter pens, virulent tongues and books. The *Secular Priests* taking in great indignation, that *Blackwel*, sometime a Student of *Trinity Colledge in Oxford*, who was wholly at the disposing of *Garnet General of the Jesuites in England*, was made *Arch-Priest* over them, detracted from his *Authority*. He therefore first deprived them of their *faculties* (as they call them) and shortly after they appealing to the *Bishop of Rome*, he procured them by a Book to be declared *Schismaticks* and *Hereticks*. This aspersion they wiped off, and that by the censure of the *University of Paris* in favour of them. And setting forth one in the neck of another, they highly extolled the *Queen*, in that from the beginning of her Reign, *she had dealt very favourably and mercifully with the Papists*: For, first they shewed, that in the first 11 years of her Reign, (notwithstanding the *many and early Popish Rebellions*, and attempts against her Crown and life) there was not one *Papist called in question for his life, for his conscience or Religion*; and that in full ten years after the *Bull* of *Pius Quintus* published against her, and the Rebellions of the *Papists*, there were not above *twelve Priests put to death*, and they *convict of Treason*, until the year 1580, when the *Jesuits* crept into *England*. Then they shewed at large, LVIII. that their unceſſant wicked practises against the *State*, put all things into *hurly burly*, much impaired the Roman

man Religion, and *drew forth ſtrict and ſevere Laws againſt the Catholicks*, yet were there not in ten years following above 50 *Prieſts* executed, and 55 more (ſuch was her mercy) baniſhed, againſt whom ſhe might have proceeded by Law. That from that time there were *Seminaries erected in Spain for Engliſh men*, by the procurement of *Parſons* an *Engliſh Jeſuit*, and out of them were ſent every year privily into *England* young and turbulent *Prieſts*. That this *Parſons* incited the *Spaniard* to invade *England* and *Ireland* again and again; And in a printed Book he maintained the Title of *The King of Spain's Daughter to the Crown of England*, and *exacted an Oath of the Students in the Seminaries* to maintain the ſame. That *Holt* of the ſame ſociety of the *Jeſuits* ſuborned *Hesket* to raiſe a *Rebellion*, and *Cullen*, *York*, and *Williams* to kill the *Queen*: and that *Walpool* a *Jeſuite* perſwaded *Squire* to commit the ſame wicked fact *by poyſon*. Inſomuch as the *Queen* (who never thought that *Conſcience* was to be forced) could not but of neceſſity uſe ſeverity againſt theſe kind of men, unleſs ſhe would betray her own, and her *Kingdoms ſafety*, and *ſecurity*.

Parſons (whom they called *Cowback*,) they taxed as a *Baſtord of the ſcum of the People*, *a man of a moſt ſeditious Spirit*, *a Sycophant*, *an Equivocator*, *a* LIX. *Broker* of *Kingdoms*. The *Defamatory Libels* of the *Jeſuites* againſt the *Queen*, they condemned of *Falſehood*, and the Authors thereof of *Treaſon*, *againſt God* and her *Majeſty*. *Arguing ſtrongly, that Faith and true Religion, are to be propagated, not by bloody*

bloody Arms, but by the Spirit of meekneſs, and mildnes. Laſty, they beſought the *Engliſh Papiſts, that they would not ſend over their Children, to be bred up in the Jeſuits Seminaries*, who are wont to infuſe the poyſon of Treachery into their tender minds with their firſt Rudiments.

The *Queen* and her Council not being ſatisfied whether theſe contentions *were in earneſt, or colourable only*, for that that ſhe found that *both Jeſuits, and Prieſts* agreed in the main, to *withdraw her Subjects from their obdience to her*, and to excite the people to advance the *Romiſh Religion*, even *by Arms*. The *Queen* therefore by her *Proclamation*, commanded both the one, and the other, to depart the Realm; not to return under pain of undergoing the puniſhment inflicted by the Laws. And this was not groundleſs. For even whilſt theſe things were ventilated, *Thomas Winter* (as he confeſſed afterwards) and *Teſmund a Jeſuit*, being ſent into *Spain* from ſome of them, privily plotted dangerous deſigns, *to cut off the Queen*, and exclude *James King of Scots*, from his moſt juſt title of ſucceſſion to the Crown of *England*. Indeed the *ſecular Prieſts* did *Queen Elizabeth* but right in thus demonſtrating to the world, *her backwardneſs to force Religion, or puniſh for it*, for the truth is, ſhe had felt the inconvenience of it, in her own perſon, for during the life of her *Siſter Mary*, the *Papiſts* were in great dread of her, giving out that the *Romiſh Religion*, the *Queen* and the *Realm* could never be in ſafety while ſhe lived, and therefore threatned to have her condemned of LX.

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High Treaſon or *Hereſy*. And therefore *John Story Doctor of Laws*, and others of a mercileſs diſpoſition gave out, that *the root of Hereſie* (*meaning her*) was to be cut off, and not the *branches* only. And therefore all the *Marian daies*, ſhe, like a *Pilot* in a ſtorm governed *her ſelf* very warily, heard the *Divine ſervice* after the *Romiſh Religion*, and was often *confeſſed*, yea, at the rigorous ſollicitation of *Cardinal Pool*, profeſſed her ſelf for fear of *death*, a *Romiſh Catholick*. Yet did not *Queen Mary* believe her remembring, that ſhe her ſelf alſo for fear of death, had by Letters written with her own hand to her *Father*, both *renounced for ever the Biſhop of Romes Authority in England, and withal acknowledged her Father to be ſupream Head of the Church of England under Chriſt*. Though *Queen Mary* were a *Princeſs* never ſufficiently commended for her care of *Religion* according to her light; for her pitty and compaſſion towards the *Poor*, and bounty towards the *Nobility* and *Church-men*. Yet her daies have been evil ſpoken of by reaſon of the *inhumane cruelty of her Romiſh Biſhops*, for burning in all places the *Proteſtants* alive. For they conſumed more *Biſhops*, *Miniſters*, *and common people*, by this barbarous death, within the ſpace of *five years*, than as ſome have obſerved, *H. the* 8. (*who alſo burned Proteſtants as Hereticks, by the Law of the* 6 *Articles*) did in full 30 *years*, or *England* ſaw, ſince the time that in the Reign of *King John*, *Chriſtians* againſt *Chriſtians*, firſt began amongſt us to exerciſe cruelty with fire and faggot.

Notwithſtanding all theſe remarkable and undeni-

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able *demonſtrations* of the *merciful dealings* of our *Proteſtant Kings* and *Queens* towards *Papiſts*, yet *experience* hath taught us, that it is very hard to *perſwade* theſe kind of men (who by reaſon of their *dependency* on the *Pope*, are ſcarce *Maſters* of their own *ſouls*) to believe it or acknowledge it, ſo unthankful are they, and ſuch wilful miſtakers of *Treaſon* for *Religion* will they be prove what we will.

However I ſhall endeavour to diſcharge my duty to my *Sovereign* & his Government, by manifeſting that as Q. *Eliz.* K. *James*, & K. *Charles the* 1. ſo K. *Charles the* 2. our gracious *Sovereign* hath not been inferior to any of his *Predeceſſors* in point of *merciful dealing* towards *Papiſts*, and thoſe not of the beſt ſort of them only, but towards as *Cruel* and as *Inhuman Popiſh Rebels* as ever the Sun did ſhine upon, who though re-eſtabliſhed in his *Fathers Throne of Ireland* without any *Terms*, *Capitulations*, or *Conditions*, & ſo *Jure Belli & gentium & Lege Talionis* without breach of *Faith* or *Articles* (not excepting thoſe of 1648. ſo much inſiſted on, and ſo mightily pleaded for by *P. W.* and ſo fully refuted by the *Earl of Orery*) might by that juſt *Law* (ſo often uſed and preſcribed by *God* himſelf) have taken the lives and fortunes of all thoſe blood-thirſty *Popiſh Iriſh Rebels* and their *Confederates* and *Aſſociates*, who in 1641. without any provocation *rebelled*, and that on the account of their *Religion* (if their own *Manifeſto*, and the *Popes Bull animating* and *licenſing* them thereto by *his Indulgence* for all their *crimes* be to be credited.) not only plundered the innocent *Proteſtants* of more *perſonal*

eſtate (as the ſame noble and learned *Earl* hath obſerved) than the *Fee ſimple* of all the forfeited lands in *Ireland* are worth; but in a few months murthered (without *accuſing*, *convicting* or laying any *crime* to any one mans charge) above 200000 Innocents *qua Proteſtants*, and which aggravates their ſin to the higheſt, they moſt falſely and impudently pretended for their ſo doing *his Fathers Authority*, notwithſtanding he had under his *Great Seal* declared his abomination and deteſtation thereof, which their *Confederates* did ſee at *Trim* in *March* 1642.

Yet ſo gracious hath our *Sovereign* been (following the royal patterns of his *Father*, *Grandfather* & of Q. *Eliz.*) that as yet not one of them hath ſuffered death meerly for his *Religion*, and very many of them, if not moſt of them, nay if not all of them, though guilty both of *High Treaſon* & of *barbarous inhumanity*, are pardoned and reſtored, or at leaſt not puniſhed by death, ſo far hath his *Majeſties Innate* & *incomparable Clemency* overpoiſed & biaſſed his *Judgment*, & prevailed with him to wave that *Prudent regard* wch he could not chooſe but ſee, & might juſtly have taken for the ſafety of his *Perſon*, *People* and *Dominions*. For it is well known that it is impoſſible for a *Jeſuited* (I might ſay for any) *Papiſt*, if he be true to *Romiſh Principles* and the *Oath of Obedience* ever to be a true *Subject* to a *Proteſtant* (I might ſay to any) *Prince*. And why then *Princes* meerly *for reaſon of State* and their *own intereſt ſake* only, without puting *any duſt of Religion into the ballance*, ſhould not make uſe of all the power that *God* hath inveſted them withal to pare their nails that would tear away their *Crowns* I can ſee no reaſon?

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As to those *Irish Articles* made 1648. I so much contended for by P. *W.* and those of his Tribe, to be performed to a tittle, though *themselves violated them*, and would *not be obliged by them*; I say had they been never so voluntary, never so uncompulsory (as they were nothing less) made by K. *Charles the Father*, yet is not the *Son* in the least obliged to keep any one particle of them by any *Law* of *God* or *Man*, of *War* or *Nations*. The reason is demonstrable, for that an *Interloping usurping Conqueror* dispossessed both the *Father* and the *Son*, and also *those very Popish Confederates with whom those Articles were made*. To which *Usurper* also those very *Catholick Confederates* and their *Associates* submitted, owned him, and complyed with him. Then comes the *Son* and dispossesseth the *Usurper* again, and recovers *Ireland* as it were by a new *Conquest*, in such case, I say, the *Son* or *Successor* is not obliged to any *Articles* the *Father* made with his rebellious Subjects, no, nor if he had made them himself, but is freed of all such obligations, both *Jure Belli* & *Jure Gentium*, as the *Civilians* in like cases have long since decided it in their Books.

I shall now end with the Poet

Quæ Regio in terris nostri non plena Cruoris!

Scarce a Nation under Heaven wherein the *Popes* power is as *Lord Paramont*, where the innocent blood of *Protestants* have not given abundant testimony of his Cruelty, Blood, Wrath, and Fury to his attempted depositions of *Kings* and *Princes*, and translations of their *Crowns*, invasions of their *Dominions*, base and secret conspiracies against their *Persons*. I conclude

clude as I began, that for matter of *Roman Doctrine* no mans life hath hitherto been directly called in question, and that the occasions and motives of all the *sanguinary* and other *Laws* made against the *Papists* have had their just and warrantable grounds from their rebellious and traiterous tenents and practises against the quiet *State* of this *Imperial Realm*.

FINIS.